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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP aka Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject organization on 12/17/51 sponsored a meeting which was attended by representatives of Yugoslav Government agencies in NYC and at which Yugoslav motion pictures of a propaganda nature were shown. NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman, was the main speaker and stressed the significance of collectivization and socialization in Marshal TITO'S program. Subject organization participated in the 8th anniversary celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia held on 11/28/51 in NYC under the auspices of the Yugoslav Consul General. ALEXANDER JURIC, President of "Novi List" and influential in the affairs of subject organization, recently visited Yugoslavia where he conferred with Marshal TITO and other government officials.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED R472 MAR 26 1963</p>			
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DETAILS:

Activities

On November 7, 1951 it was learned through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, that subject organization at a meeting held on October 26, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home in New York City decided to hold an affair on December 15, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home. It was further decided to make arrangements for the showing at this meeting of a number of Yugoslav motion pictures obtainable from the Film Department of the Yugoslav Information Center. The informant stated that the Yugoslav Information Center in New York City is an official agency of the Yugoslav Government.

On December 17, 1951 T-1 advised he attended an affair of subject organization on December 15, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. Approximately 180 Tito sympathizers were present including officials of the Yugoslav Government agencies in New York City.

The only speaker at this affair was ~~NIKOLA~~ ~~TELESMANIC~~, Chairman of subject organization. In his speech ~~TELESMANIC~~ dealt chiefly with the rehabilitation of Yugoslavia under the leadership of Marshal TITO and the Yugoslav Communist Party.

He said that TITO had succeeded in restoring and expanding the nation's industrial and economic life within an amazingly short time after the devastation brought on by World War II. In this connection ~~TELESMANIC~~ also emphasized the significance of collectivization and socialization. He concluded his speech by urging those present to become regular readers of "Novi List", pro-TITO Serbo-Croatian language newspaper published in New York City.

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TELESMANIC stated that this paper is of great significance for the Yugoslavs in America in that it prints the truth about the socialist reconstruction of the new Yugoslavia.

According to the informant, the main portion of the program at this meeting consisted of the showing of three Yugoslav motion pictures depicting certain aspects of present day life in Yugoslavia and clearly designed to impress the audience with the development of new industries and expansion of existing industries in Yugoslavia. Other newsreels exhibited at this meeting dealt with the struggles of the Yugoslav partisans during World War II and with the Yugoslav revolution which led to the assumption of power by Marshal TITO.

The informant advised that according to an announcement made at this meeting, all proceeds were to be used for purchasing food and medical supplies for shipment to Yugoslavia.

On December 6, 1951 Confidential Informant T-1 reported concerning a celebration held on November 28, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia. This celebration was held under the sponsorship of the Yugoslav Consulate General and was attended by approximately 420 TITO sympathizers including the crews of the Yugoslav vessels MACEDONIA and SLOVENIA.

The informant stated that MIODRAG MARKOVIC, Consul General of Yugoslavia in New York City was present with the entire staff of the Consulate and other Yugoslav Government agencies in New York City. A number of Yugoslav organizations which were officially represented at this celebration sent greetings to Marshal TITO. The informant stated that the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship was one of these organizations.

ALEXANDER JURIC

On December 24, 1951 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ALEXANDER JURIC, co-publisher of "Novi List", continues to be one of the most influential figures in the affairs of subject organization.

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY "NOVI-LIST"
ALEXANDER JURIC EMPLOYED BY
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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, stated that in his opinion JURIC is the most dangerous and radical supporter of the TITO regime in New York City. The informant said that JURIC is absolutely money mad, and mixes with his financial aims a certain fanaticism in his support of the TITO regime.

According to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-1, JURIC departed from New York City on October 6, 1951 on a visit to Yugoslavia. The informant further stated that the Department of State had at first refused to issue JURIC a passport but later reversed itself after the Yugoslav Government had interceded in JURIC'S behalf. The informant stated that JURIC was undertaking this trip as a guest of the Yugoslav Government.

On December 24, 1951 T-1 advised that JURIC had returned to New York on board the SS QUEEN MARY on December 22, 1951.

✓ This informant furnished an English translation of an article which appeared on November 19, 1951 in the semi-official newspaper "Politika", published in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. This article is captioned "Our Countryman Alexander Juric Held a Press Conference in Zagreb". Pertinent portions of this article are being set out as follows:

✓ "Our prominent Croatian compatriot in USA Alexander Juric Chairman of Novi List, an organization of progressive Yugoslav emigrants, held a press conference in Zagreb following his arrival in Yugoslavia as a guest of the Croatian organization Matica.

"In answering a reporter's question Juric stated that a majority of the countrymen (in USA) are deeply attached to their old country and people as well as to the People's Government and to Marshal Tito. This attitude has been demonstrated by the numerous relief actions and shipments to Yugoslavia of food, clothing, medical supplies, money and reading matter representing many millions of dollars.....

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"Alexander Juric has been living in USA for the past 48 years. His last visit to the homeland took place 25 years ago. At that time the police of old Yugoslavia arrested and jailed him. 'Now' Juric declared 'I am happy and proud to be able to see my homeland liberated and enjoying a new and happier life'.

"Juric intends to visit all our People's Republics so as to be able to tell our Yugoslav countrymen in America about the things he saw in the old country and also to refute all lies and malicious misrepresentations which are being spread by hostile elements."

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Regarding the organization Matica mentioned in the above quoted article, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on January 16, 1952 that this organization is also known under the name "Federation of Yugoslav Repatriates From Abroad" and that the Croatian word Matica literally means "mother" and in this particular connection is the equivalent of homeland.

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On December 21, 1951 Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the English translation of a news item which had appeared on December 1, 1951 in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika", which reads as follows:

"Prime Minister Marshal Josip Broz-Tito yesterday at 8:30 pm received Alexander Juric, our prominent compatriot in USA and Chairman of the corporation which publishes Novi List. The visit lasted one hour and Mr. Juric declared that he was taking with him to the USA numerous greetings to our compatriots in that country and also the best impression regarding the general development and progress of Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav people."

On January 15, 1952 Confidential Informant T-1 furnished a clipping from the Croatian publication "Matica" published in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. (Issue No. 1, page 25) This clipping contains a photograph of ALEXANDER JURIC and three other individuals grouped around a table. Another photograph appearing on the same page shows ALEXANDER JURIC leaving the Zagreb railroad station. The captions read as follows:

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"Alexander Juric, Well Known Leader of Our Countrymen in the USA and Chairman of the Organization Novi List is Visiting His Homeland After an Absence of 25 Years: Our Pictures: 1. Prime Minister Dr. Vlad. Bakaric in a Discussion with Alexander Juric. 2. A. Juric Leaving the Railroad Station in the Company of St. Lojen."

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INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA HEINRICH
VON ECKARDT.

T-2 [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information on Yugoslav
matters in the past and who was
contacted by SA EUGENE R. HARRELL,
The identity of this informant
is being concealed at his own
request.

T-3 [redacted] in
the New York Office.

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Information copies of this report have been designated for the Chicago, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Washington Field Offices inasmuch as official Yugoslav establishments are located within these field divisions.

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At New York, New York:

Will through confidential informants, issues of "Novi List" and other sources of information continue to follow and report the activities of instant organization on a quarterly basis, submitting the next report by April 1, 1952.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, 10/2/51,
New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: March 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21626)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,
Aka. Friends of New Yugoslavia
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU
REGISTRATION ACT

Re: SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated January 9, 1952 at Chicago, Illinois.

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During the past three months, contact has been maintained with informants [redacted] and Source of Information [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, all of whom are acquainted with activities among Yugoslavs in the Chicago area. All of the foregoing have advised that no activities on the part of the captioned organization have been noted during the past several months in the Chicago area. Inasmuch as the captioned organization has been reported to have engaged in no activity in the Chicago area during the past three months, no report will be submitted by the Chicago office at this time.

The activities of this organization will continue to be followed through informants and through "Novi List" which is the official organ of the captioned organization and it is contemplated that the next quarterly report on this organization will be submitted by July 1, 1952.

In the event that the Chicago branch of the captioned organization continues to be inactive during the next quarterly period, consideration will be given to RUCing this case.

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cc: New York (105-2290)

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February 18, 1952

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Rerep SA David A. Lush dated 1-25-52, at New York
re "Bibi Lalecev, wa., IS - YU," NY file 100-96157.
(100-11899)

Reference is made to the information appearing on
pages 4 and 5 of rerep attributed to T-3 [] concerning
the above-captioned subjects.

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It is desired that referenced information be in-
corporated in the next reports submitted by your office in
the above-captioned investigations.

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Title CLUB OF YUGOSLAV AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP aka., Friends of New Yugoslavia			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT

Synopsis of facts:

*1cc by RST
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Confidential sources advise that there continues to be no organized support of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in the Pittsburgh area. JOE PAVLAK, Clairton, Pa., identified as retired businessman and no indication that he has participated in any activities in connection with Yugoslavia matters developed. SINO WRLINIC, McKees Rocks, Pa., identified as retired businessman formerly active in the Serb National Federation, the American-Slav Congress and the Serbian National Congress. Informants state WRLINIC is anti-Communist, that he severed connections with the ASC and the SNC when Communist control of the organizations became apparent and that he is not known to presently, actively support any organization favorable to the Tito Government. No information developed identifying MARKO SKOPLANEC, Fredericksburg, Meadville, Pa.

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DETAILS:

In May, 1951, T-1, of known reliability, advised that the Friends of New Yugoslavia was founded subsequent to the Tito Cominform split and it maintains a relationship of close and direct cooperation with official representatives of the Yugoslavia government in this country. According to this informant the Friends of New Yugoslavia attempted to enlist the support of Yugoslav-Americans for the regime of Marshal Tito and the Yugoslavia Communist Party and acts as liaison between the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in this country.

The Socialist Workers Party has been cited as a Communist organization under Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General of the United States.

Also during May, 1951, T-1 advised that "Novi List" is a Croation language newspaper founded by a group of Pro-Tito individuals of Yugoslav extraction and that it is the "mouth piece" of the Yugoslav Communist Party in the United States. According to the informant every item appearing in "Novi List" has to be approved by the official representative of the Yugoslav government in New York, N.Y.

On May 8, 1951, T-1 advised that at a stockholders meeting of "Novi List" held February 17, 1951, a tentative list of individuals was drawn-up which was to include as many individuals as possible and which was to act as a sponsoring committee in an effort to boost circulation of "Novi List," thus insuring the wide spread dissemination of information about good will towards the present regime of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia among a cross section of all Yugoslav-Americans.

The informant pointed out that not all of the individuals included on this tentative list had indicated their availability but that few, if any refusals were anticipated since only sympathizers of the Tito regime were considered.

T-1 advised that ~~JOE PAVLAK~~, Clairton, Pa., ~~MARKO SKOPLANEC~~, Fredericksburg, Pa., and ~~SIMO WRLINIC~~, McKees Rocks, Pa., were included in this list:.....

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T-2 and T-3, both of known reliability and who are well acquainted in Yugoslav circles in the Pittsburgh area, advised on March 17, 1952, that JOSEPH PAVLAK, residing on a rural route near Clairton, Pa., is a man at least seventy years of age, that he has been a resident of the Clairton area for at least thirty years and that he is a retired beer distributor. Both informants stated that they have never known PAVLAK to be particularly active in connection with Yugoslav matters. Concerning Yugoslav matters T-2 and T-3 pointed out that there continues to be no active friends of New Yugoslavia organization in the Pittsburgh area and they advised that to their knowledge PAVLAK has not engaged in any activities in support of the Friends of New Yugoslavia organization or the newspaper 'Novi List.'

It is noted that no further information identifiable with JOSEPH PAVLAK has been received.

In connection with SIMO WRLINIC (~~SAMUEL WERLINICH~~) the records of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, 635 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., contain a report dated October 26, 1948. This report lists SAMUEL WERLINICH as residing at 1120 Wayne Avenue, McKees Rocks, Pa.; that he owns his own home and has resided at this address for the last thirteen years; that he was sixty-six years of age at the time of the report and that he was the owner of the McKees Rocks Motor Company, 701 Woodward Street, McKees Rocks, Pa., and had operated a business from that location from 1928.

T-2 and T-3 advised that SAMUEL WERLINICH residing at 1120 Wayne Avenue, McKees Rocks, Pa., is a retired businessman; that WERLINICH has resided in the McKees Rocks area for at least thirty years and that WERLINICH has through the years participated in various Yugoslav activities. The informants stated that he is a past supreme President of the Serb National Federation which they describe as a Fraternal Insurance organization of considerable membership with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., and which has always been anti-Communist in its policy and following the Tito-Stalin split continued to be severely critical of both the Stalin and Tito factions since they both

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represent Communism. Both T-2 and T-3 stated that they consider WERLINICH to be opposed to the ~~cominform~~ Communists and they advised that since the Tito-Stalin split, WERLINICH has not been active in any pro-Tito activities to their knowledge. The informants advised that WERLINICH had been active in both the American-Slav Congress and the Serbian National Congress of America also known as American-Serbian War Orphans Relief at their inception and that like many other U. S. citizens of Slavic descent, had discontinued his activities with the organization when it became apparent that they were Communist-controlled.

In connection with the above activities it is noted that T-4, of unknown reliability, but who is generally acquainted with Yugoslav activities in the Pittsburgh area and who has known SAMUEL WERLINICH for over thirty years, advised that WERLINICH had been President of the Serb National Federation during the early 1940's; that WERLINICH was active in the American-Slav Congress and later in the Serbian National Congress at their inception and that WERLINICH severed his connections with the latter two organizations when Communist control of them became apparent. The informant stated that WERLINICH continues to be a member of the Serb National Federation and has always been anti-Communist. The informant knew of no activities on the part of WERLINICH in support of the present Yugoslav government.

It is noted that the American-Slav Congress has been cited as a Communist organization under Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General of the United States and that the American-Serbian Committee for Relief of War Orphans in Yugoslavia has been cited as a "Communist front" by the HCUA as set forth in a "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on un-American activities, US House Representatives, Washington, D. C.

In connection with WERLINICH's activities with the American-Slav Congress, it is noted that in April, 1942, T-8, of unknown reliability, advised that SAMUEL WERLINICH was elected a Vice-President of the American-Slav Congress at the convention held at Detroit, Michigan, April 25, 26, 1942.

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T-5, of known reliability, advised in early 1943 that SAMUEL WERLINICH, 1120 Wayne Avenue, McKees Rocks, Pa., President of the Serb National Federation, was listed as a member of the National Committee of the American-Slav Congress.

An article appearing in the August, 1942 issue of "The American-Slav" a monthly magazine published at Pittsburgh, Pa., entitled "We Americans" advising of the formation of the American-Slav Congress and soliciting contributions for the treasury of the National Committee of this organization is carried over the names of the officials of the American-Slav Congress. Included in this list as a Vice-President is SAMUEL WERLINICH. T-6 and T-7, both of known reliability, have advised that the American-Slav discontinued publication several years ago and that the magazine was a business venture primarily supported by advertisements of various business concerns operated by individuals of Slavic origin. The informants stated that the publication was for the most part non-political in nature and that if anything was anti-Communist in its position.

With reference to activities of WERLINICH in connection with the Serbian National Congress an article appearing in the "Slobodna Rec", July 16, 1946 issue entitled "Call for Serbian National Congress of America. dedicated to our people, especially to war orphans of Yugoslavia," set forth a call for the meeting of the Serbian National Congress of America in Pittsburgh, Pa., on August 31, September 1, 1946. The article in part set forth that the call has been made to all Serbian people of America with the aim of helping our people by united action and primarily the war orphans in the old home land and is carried over a list of individuals serving on the temporary committee of American Serbs for relief of their people in Yugoslavia. Included in this list is SIMO WERLINICH, Treasurer.

The June 28, 1947, issue of "Slobodna Rec," in an article entitled "Serbian National Congress called by Committee of American Serbian Relief to be held this coming autumn," set forth that a

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second Serbian National Congress would be held in the fall of 1947 and is carried over the name of the supreme board of American-Serbian Relief which discloses that SAM WERLINICH is President of this organization.

The October 29, 1947, issue of Slobodna Rec on page one columns six and seven in an article entitled "Brief report on Second Serbian National Congress" sets forth the activities of the Second Serbian National Congress held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 25, 26, 1947. This article states that the Congress was opened by the President of the American-Serbian Relief Committee, SAM WERLINICH.

The November 1, 1947, issue of Slobodna Rec in article entitled "Further report on Second Serbian National Congress," sets forth the identity of the officers of the organization elected at the Second Serbian National Congress. SAM WERLINICH is listed as a member of the board.

In connection with "Slobodna Rec," it is noted that information received from T-9, of unknown reliability in 1943 and again in 1945, discloses that during 1943, S. WERLINICH, 701 Woodward Avenue, McKees Rocks, Pa., and during 1945, S. WERLINICH, 1120 Wayne Avenue, McKees Rocks, Pa., was on the mailing list of the Slobodna Rec.

The HCUA in a publication dated March 3, 1951, entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," has cited Slobodna Rec as a publication designed to "Work for the organization of the American-Slav Congress --- Slobodna Rec has consistently indicated to the American-Serbiansthat only the Communist Party has been constantly right--- attacks on the United States foreign and domestic policies are now featured just as prominently in Slobodna Rec as they are in the 'Daily Worker' --- There is no attempt at subtlety in Slobodna Rec's devotion to Russia.---"

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With reference to MARKO SKOPLANEC, Fredericksburg, Pa., SA OLIVIER H. HUNTER conducted investigation on February 27, 1952, in an attempt to identify this individual in the area of Fredericksburg at Meadville, Pa. Fredericksburg being a suburb of Meadville.

The following records which were made available by the individuals listed were reviewed but no mention of MARKO SKOPLANEC was contained therein: BARBARA PHILLIPS, Crawford County Credit Exchange; Meadville City Directory, 1951; Identification Division, Meadville Police Department, made available by ELOISE BOYD; Meadville Postal Addressee Records, made available by EDGAR J. KRESS, Assistant Postmaster, Meadville Post Office.

In addition the following long time residents of Meadville and its suburb, Fredericksburg, were contacted but stated that MARKO SKOPLANEC was unknown to them: LOUIS C. YAEGER, RD#1; Detective Sergeant JOHN HOLD, Meadville Police Department; Chief EDWARD C. GIBSON, Meadville, Police Department; GEORGE MAGEE, Attorney, Center Street.

It is noted that the Pittsburgh Office has available no identifying information in connection with MARKO SKOPLANEC.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 is [redacted] as set forth in SAC letter #117 series 1951, dated December 7, 1951. Information attributed to this source on May 8, 1951, was furnished to SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT, New York, as set forth in the report of SA VON ECKHARDT, June 5, 1951, entitled, "Novi List Incorporated, IS-YU, Registration Act."

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T-2 is [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., [redacted] a confidential source who furnished the information to SA JOHN M. PAGE on March 17, 1952.

T-3 is [redacted] McKeesport, Pa., a confidential source, who furnished the information to SA JOHN M. PAGE on March 17, 1952.

T-4 is [redacted] Serb National Federation, 3415 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., a potential security informant.

T-5 is anonymous as set forth in the report of SA A. ROBERT SWANSON, New York, March 16, 1943, in case entitled, "American-Slav Congress, IS-S".

T-6 is [redacted] County Office Building, Diamond and Ross Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., a confidential source who furnished the information to SA JOHN M. PAGE on March 19, 1952.

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T-7 is [redacted]
[redacted] "Narodne Noviny" official publication, National Slovak Society, 518 Court Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., a confidential source, who furnished the information to SA JOHN M. PAGE on March 19, 1952.

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T-8 is an unknown source. The Pittsburgh file in connection with the, "American Slav Congress, IS-C" contains a typewritten report dated, Detroit, Michigan, April 26, 1942; however, the source of this report is not identified.

T-9 is an unknown source. In connection with this information it is known that, the Pittsburgh Office had arrangements with H. B. FLEMING, (deceased) Foreman, Second Class Mails, U. S. Post Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., whereby the mailing lists of "Slobodna Rec," were made available; however, the Pittsburgh files do not identify the actual source of the information set forth in this report.

REFERENCE: New York letter to Pittsburgh, 12/26/51.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142)
 FROM : *RJA/m* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-945)
 SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
 IS - YU

DATE: 4/23/52

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ly [redacted] supplied SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN of the San Francisco Office, on 3/26/52 with a letter emanating from [redacted] of Los Angeles to his daughter,

[redacted] in San Francisco. This letter plus translation thereof by SA VADJA V. KOLOMBATOVIC of San Francisco are enclosed for the attention of Los Angeles.

For the information of the Bureau and other offices, the [redacted] related to his daughter that he was visited by Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC and Consul SINISA KOSUTIC of the Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco, on Friday, date not specified but according to [redacted] this visit occurred on [redacted]. During a conversation, at which GEORGE KOVACEVIC and possibly N. A. MUICK and other Yugoslav Americans from the Los Angeles area were present, the idea of forming a society to be called the Friends of New Yugoslavia was brought up. [redacted] "This was RAFO's (IVANCEVIC) wish." The group decided to think about the matter further and to consult with others in the Los Angeles area.

The above information is being set forth to show that an attempt to form an organization called the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was apparently being instigated by the San Francisco Consulate.

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 cc Chicago (100-21626)(Regis.)
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/26; 4/28; 5/6, 12, 13/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/26; 4/28; 5/6, 12, 13/52	REPORT MADE BY HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU; REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Administration of subject organization unchanged and activities during last six months almost at complete standstill. GEORGE SPANIA, reported to be influential in the affairs of subject organization, is a close contact of EMIL MALESEV, Yugoslav Vice-Consul in NYC. NIKOLA TELESMANIC, President, directed a message to DEAN ACHESON, Secretary of State, protesting the contemplated Italian participation in the administration of the Free Territory of Trieste.

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DETAILS:

On April 28, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised there had been no changes in the administration of captioned organization and that NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as President and NIKOLA GRUBELIC is still the Treasurer.

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The informant further stated that one GEORGE SPANIA, although not at present an officer of the organization, is extremely influential in the affairs of the Club by virtue of his close personal relations with Yugoslav Consulate officials and also because of his position as Treasurer of "Novi List", Croatian language newspaper published in New York City.

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The informant stated that "Novi List" is the main outlet for pro-TITO propaganda among Yugoslavs in this country and also serves as the official mouthpiece of the Club of Yugoslav Friendship.

On September 12, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that GEORGE SPANIA, one of the principals of the relief package firm known as the Express Trading Corporation, 27-18 40th Avenue, Long Island City, New York, had left New York on a six-week visit to his native Yugoslavia.

The informant stated that the Express Trading Corporation although officially owned by private citizens of Yugoslav extraction is in fact controlled by the Yugoslav Government.

Regarding SPANIA'S trip to Yugoslavia, the informant stated it is his understanding that SPANIA was undertaking this trip as a guest of the Yugoslav Government and that this invitation had been extended to him in recognition of his efforts in propagandizing the TITO regime among the Yugoslavs in this country.

The informant stated that prior to his departure SPANIA had been a guest of honor at a dinner party given him at the home of a Mrs. *POLICHAK in Rockaway Beach, New York. On this occasion SPANIA gave a speech in which he urged those present to increase their efforts in popularizing the TITO Government, pointing out that the present time appeared to be particularly appropriate for this kind of activity due to the greatly improved relations existing between this country and Yugoslavia. SPANIA indicated in his speech that this condition might not last forever.

On January 4, 1952, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, stated that GEORGE SPANIA is a close friend of EMIL MALESEV, Yugoslav Vice-Consul in New York City. This informant further stated that MALESEV considers SPANIA important in connection with his, MALESEV'S, dealings with the Yugoslav American colony.

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The informant stated that SPANIA serves MALESEV as a means for introducing certain ideas and matters of policy to subject organization. He added that SPANIA discusses these ideas with members of the Consulate before introducing them at the meetings of the Club.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 28, 1952, that captioned organization has been almost entirely inactive during the last few months. The informant knows only of one meeting during this period which was held on January 25, 1952, at the Yugoslav American Home and was attended by approximately forty-five members. ALEXANDER JURIC, President of "Novi List", gave a brief speech wherein he praised the present regime in Yugoslavia and stated that Marshal TITO and his associates in the leadership of the New Yugoslavia are the only true friends of the people and that they are striving for progress and economic improvement of the country.

"Novi List" issue of April 10, 1952, page 1, column 1, carries the text of a message by NIKOLA TELESMANIC, President of the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship. This message is addressed to the Honorable DEAN ACHESON, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., and reads as follows:

"Recent news dispatches concerning deliberations aimed at finding a solution of the Trieste problem have caused considerable alarm and consternation among Americans of Yugoslav extraction. The U. S. Government's willingness to permit Italian participation in the administration of the A zone represents not only a violation of the peace treaty but constitutes an endorsement of the adventurous aspirations of Italian chauvinism.

"Let us not forget that the people of Yugoslavia have fought in two wars side by side with our allies and that they have shed their blood in the struggle against Italian Fascism. It is significant that this latest drive of Italian chauvinism reflects the spirit of Italian Fascism.

"We Americans of Yugoslav extraction cannot stand idly by while others are preparing a plot against the country of our birth.

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"Knowing that America will always be found on the side of the truth, we are convinced that this country as one of the leading powers in the world will strive for an equitable solution, based on the facts of history and racial affinity, and taking into consideration the justified aspirations of Yugoslavia which wishes to continue as our faithful ally in the struggle against the enemies of peace, democracy, and freedom.

"Club of American Yugoslav
Friendship

Nikola Telesmanic,
President"

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INFORMANTS

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Given	Location of Information
T-1 [redacted]	September, 1951	9/12/51	SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT Written rpt.	NY66-6666-641
	1/25/52	1/26/52	SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT Written rpt.	NY66-6666-684
	April, 1952	4/28/52	SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT Orally	Instant report
T-2 [redacted]	January, 1952	1/4/52	SAS EUGENE R. HARRELL and DAVID A. LUSH Orally	NY66-6644-4

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of instant organization and will attempt to determine the extent and nature of Yugoslav Government control over subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, New York, 1/28/52.

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CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DATE 6-30-52 PERIOD 6/17, 18, 19, 23, 24/52 REPORT MADE BY JJH/hms JEREMIAH J. HURLEY

TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka. Friends of New Yugoslavia CHARACTER INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS
OF FACTS:

Yugoslav representatives are currently taking an active part in a propaganda campaign and are urging local Yugoslav Pro-Tito organizations, including the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia, to send telegrams and letters to the United States government authorities in Washington, D.C., asking that the United States support Yugoslav government's position in the current Trieste dispute. "Novi List", the official organ of Friends of New Yugoslavia, has given publicity to this propaganda campaign and has set forth in its issues copies of letter and telegrams sent to United States government officials. Yugoslav representatives also interested in having Yugoslav clubs and organizations send letters to "Life" magazine commending it on the articles therein on Marshal TITO'S own life story and contacted offices of Friends of New Yugoslavia Club, Chicago, in this regard. Activities of South Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia reportedly are non-existent and Pro-Tito activities in South Chicago now allegedly centered in Lodge No. 9 of Croatian Fraternal Union.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Pro-Tito Propaganda Activity on part of Yugoslav Representatives
in favor of Yugoslav claim to Trieste

T-1, of known reliability, on April 2, 1952 advised that Consul ~~SINISA~~ MOSUTIC of the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco was contacting Yugoslav individuals in that area relative to initiating an appeal to the United States government, demanding that the United States support Yugoslavia's claim in the present Trieste crisis. Arguments in favor of the Yugoslav position were to be pointed out that support by the United States in favor of the Italian claim would be of value to the Russians who would then tell the Yugoslavs that they should have remained in the Russian camp instead of breaking away as they did after the Tito-Cominform split in 1948.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on May 2, 1952 that he has observed increased publicity in the various Pro-Tito Yugoslav newspapers pertaining to the Trieste issue. Informant advised that the "Novi List", the official organ of Friends of New Yugoslavia, which was described by informant as a Pro-Tito newspaper published in New York City, in its issue dated April 8, 1952, page 1, column 6, set forth a copy of a telegram sent to the Honorable DEAN ACHESON, Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., urging him to use his power and influence to prevent the division and administration of the Free Territory of Trieste, Zone A, with Italian Irredentists. A telegram further reads "We are convinced that Trieste never belonged to Italy and that Trieste was always a Yugoslav city, historically, economically and ethnically". The telegram also pointed out that Yugoslavia was an ally of the United States during World War II while Italy was an enemy.

According to T-2, "Novi List" of April 8, 1952, page 1, column 7 set forth copies of telegrams directed to United States officials in Washington, D.C., urging that the question of Trieste be left to Italy and Yugoslavia to settle between themselves.

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The same issue, page 2, columns 1 and 2, contains an article recommending that American citizens of Yugoslavic descent should protest by telegrams and letters to government functionaries in Washington and London to prevent machination of Italian Iredentists for control of Trieste.

T-2 further pointed out that "Novi List" issue of April 8, 1952, page 1, column 7 set forth that Pro-Tito organizations are sending telegrams of protest concernign the Trieste question. He stated that the "Novi List" of April 10, 1952, page 1, columns 1, 2 and 3, again set forth that telegrams of protest are being sent by "our" organizations in connection with Trieste conferences.

T-2 also pointed out that the "Novi List" issue of April 17, 1952 page 2, columns 1 and 2, carried an article captioned "All United About Trieste Question," and the article criticizes the Ustashi, Matchek, and Cominformist factions, which are accused of being united in attacking TITO rather than Italians on the Trieste question. The informant explained that the Ustashi and Matchek groups are anti-Tito and anti-Cominformist factions wherein the Cominformist consist of Yugoslav groups sympathetic toward STALIN in the present TITO-STALIN break.

T-3, of known reliability, advised that it has been noted that during April and the first part of May, 1952, IVAN ~~W~~JOZIC, NIKOLA ~~K~~KOZUL and JOSE ~~M~~ORAVEC, all of whom are vice counsuls at the Yugoslav Consulate, Chicago, became increasingly active in making contacts among Yugoslav individuals in the Chicago area sympathetic toward the present Tito regime.

T-2 advised on May 2, 1952 that it was customary at the Yugoslav Consulate General in Chicago for the personnel assigned to the Consulate to become active in making contacts among friendly Yugoslavs when international political questions are involved in an effort to encourage support on the part of local factions in favor of the Yugoslav government's position on these matters.

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T-4, of known reliability, who is personally acquainted with personnel of the Yugoslav Consulate General in Chicago, pointed out on May 1, 1952 that VLADIMIR M. ~~VUKMIROVIC~~, the Yugoslav Consul General at Chicago does not actually run the consulate. According to this informant, IVAN JOZIC and NIKOLA KOZUL, Vice Consuls, are the powerful factors in connection with Croatian and Serbian activities and, to the best of the informant's knowledge, they carry out their objectives through the medium of Yugoslav Pro-Tito leaders, namely FRANK LACKOVIC and MILAN BIGA.

With reference to MILAN BIGA, T-2 advised on April 14, 1950 that the "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, set forth that MILAN ~~BIGA~~ is a member of the Cultural Committee of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

✓ T-5, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945 that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Bosworth Avenue, Chicago, ~~is~~ a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch. *was*

T-2 advised on December 12, 1950 that MILAN BIGA has long had the reputation of being a Yugoslav Communist and during the past several years has been a contact of Yugoslav Consulate personnel in the Chicago area. With reference to FRANK LACKOVIC, T-2 advised on April 14, 1950 that "Novi List" of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, contains an article setting forth that FRANK LACKOVIC was a member of the Cultural Committee of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

✓ T-6, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945 that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter Street, Chicago, ~~is~~ a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section of the Communist Party and was described as a charter *manager, member.*

T-7, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950 that he was personally acquainted with FRANK LACKOVIC and stated that LACKOVIC has long been associated with Yugoslav Communist factions and when the split developed between TITO and STALIN,

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LACKOVIC gave his support to the Pro-Tito Faction and helped to organize the club Friends of New Yugoslavia in Chicago.

T-3 advised that he had learned on April 2, 1952 that IVAN JOZIC was in contact with FRANK LACKOVIC and was attempting to obtain the address of MILAN MARIC. It was learned that JOZIC obtained the address of MARIC from LACKOVIC and made arrangements with MARIC for MARIC to meet him (JOZIC) either at the Yugoslav Consulate or at the home of JOZIC within the succeeding several days.

With reference to ~~MILAN MARIC~~, T-2 advised on April 14, 1950 that the "Novi List" of March 15, 1950 listed MILAN MARIC as secretary of the club Friends of New Yugoslavia in Chicago.

T-7 advised on September 8, 1950 that MILAN MARIC at that time was an officer in the organization, Friends of Yugoslavia and was residing at 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago. Informant stated that based on MARIC'S associates and his continued activity in support of Yugoslav Communist organizations, he has a reputation of being a Communist. Informant stated that MARIC was Pro-Tito in his sympathies at that time.

T-3 advised that he learned on April 2, 1952 that JOZIC was making arrangements to contact an unknown individual who was employed in South Chicago, whose identity was regarded as confidential by JOZIC. It was learned that he regularly contacts this individual and refers to him as "my godfather". T-3 previously advised JOZIC contacts one MATT ANDRIASEVICH of 9656 Escanaba Avenue, Chicago.

T-3 advised that on April 19, 1952 MATT ANDRIASEVICH reported to JOZIC that he had sent the two resolutions on the previous day for their club, but could not get in contact with the Dalmatian Club President, but has heard that the president will sign the resolution. ANDRIASEVICH also reported to JOZIC that their club, Friends of New Yugoslavia, has already sent in the resolution. JOZIC inquired as to whether they had sent the resolution to "Novi List" yet and ANDRIASEVICH informed JOZIC.

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that they had not done so but planned to send it on the following day. ANDRIASEVICH told JOZIC that he wanted the resolution to get through ZAJEDNICAR first, saying that the secretary of the club, Friends of New Yugoslavia, wanted to send it to the English Section of ZAJEDNICAR first. Informant advised that ZAJEDNICAR is the official organ of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

note [The Croatian Fraternal Union is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

With reference to ~~MATT~~ ANDRIASEVICH, T-2 advised on September 19, 1951 that the "Novi List" issue of June 28, 1951, page 4, column 2, listed M. ANDRIASEVICH of 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago, as secretary of the South Chicago branch of the club, Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-8, of known reliability, advised on August 30, 1950 that MATT ANDRIASEVICH, 9656 Escanaba Avenue, has been active in Yugoslav Communist Party groups in the South Chicago area for the past 2 years. Informant stated that subsequent to the ~~pro~~-Cominform-Tito split, ANDRIASEVICH became active in Pro-Tito factions in the South Chicago area.

T-9, of known reliability, advised that he learned on April 21, 1952 that JOZIC, in connection with the Trieste activity, was in association with MARTIN MARETIC, who informed JOZIC that he (MARETIC) had been present at an unidentified meeting and that he told those present to send it, possibly referring to a telegram, but the club decided to send a letter instead of a telegram because of the cost. JOZIC inquired as to whether they had sent certain material and MARETIC said that they had. He stated that on the previous day he had given it to MILAN MARIC to sign and to send it since MARETIC was not at the meeting. MARETIC also informed JOZIC that everything was in order and JOZIC agreed to prepare some unidentified material and send it to MARIC in order that MARIC may send this material to an undisclosed destination.

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T-11, of known reliability, furnished the following information in March, 1952:

"The Croatian Fraternal Union of America, with national offices at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a bona fide fraternal insurance organization which has been incorporated to conduct an insurance business in many states of this country.

"The bulk of the Croatian Fraternal Union membership is loyal to the United States but pro-Communist delegates elected several of their candidates to the Supreme Board of Directors at the 7th National CFU Convention in 1947 and were successful in electing their entire slate, composed of Communist Party members or sympathizers at the 8th CFU National Convention held in Los Angeles, California, September 17-25, 1951.

"Informant stated that since the Tito-Stalin split, the organization has maintained a middle-of-the-road policy with regard to the split and has endeavored to maintain a neutral position with reference to matters concerning the current Yugoslav situation, inasmuch as the Pro-Communist element in the CFU includes supporters of both Tito and Stalin."

T-12, of known reliability, on September 24, 1951, stated that at the 8th National Convention of the CFU, the Pro-Communist bloc gained complete control of the Supreme Board of Directors by having their candidates elected as members.

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With reference to ~~MARTIN~~ MARETIC, T-7 advised on December 9, 1950 that ~~MARTIN~~ MARETIC, 1907 South Racine, was president of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club. Informant stated that MARETIC, to the best of his knowledge, has never been a Communist Party member, but is currently Pro-Tito in his political views.

T-3 advised that he had learned that on April 25, 1952 JOZIC reported to MILOŠ BUCAR of the Yugoslav Embassy pertaining to local Yugoslav clubs which had written letters in support of the Trieste issue. JOZIC at this time in his report included among the clubs the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in South Chicago as well as the Friends of New Yugoslavia in Chicago proper.

T-2 advised that the "Novi List" issue dated April 29, 1952, page 2, columns 5 and 6 sets forth telegrams and resolutions pertaining to the Trieste question from Yugoslav groups in Chicago. One resolution urging support of the Yugoslav position in this Trieste matter is signed Society of Friends of New Yugoslavia, Chicago, Illinois, MILAN MARIC, Secretary, and MARTIN MARETIC, President. Another resolution appears in the same column from Lodge No. 9, Croatian Fraternal Union signed by MATT ANDRIASEVICH.

With respect to these resolutions, T-4 advised on May 5, 1952 that individuals signing their names to the above-mentioned resolution, to the personal knowledge of informant, do not have sufficient education to write such resolutions either in English or in Croatian.

"Life" Magazine Articles Concerning Marshal TITO'S own life story

T-3 advised on April 23, 1952 that one JOE REY, Time, Inc., 330 Cermak Road, Chicago, was in contact with NIKOLA KOZUL of the Yugoslav Consulate relative to the life history of TITO that was currently appearing in "Life" Magazine. REY informed KOZUL that he was interested in giving further publicity to these articles and desired to know the names of various foreign

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language Yugoslav publications, and KOZUL referred him to the "Provesta" which is a Slovene language newspaper published in Chicago. T-3 advised on April 30, 1952 that MARTIN MARETIC had informed JOZIC that his club had had a meeting on Monday night previous and had decided to send a letter to "Life" complimenting it on the articles pertaining to the life of TITO. JOZIC agreed that this was a good idea and it was also agreed that when the letter was prepared by an unidentified member of the club the letter would be submitted to JOZIC to read and correct or if he so decided to rewrite. JOZIC encouraged the sending of such letters to "Life" to counteract protest of other Yugoslav factions which are anti-Tito. The informant also learned that on this same date JOZIC recommended that FRANK LACKOVIC have his club send a letter to "Life" magazine also praising the articles appearing therein pertaining to Marshal TITO. Informant learned that FRANK LACKOVIC also favored having "Novi List" send in such articles.

Change in Officers

T-7 advised on April 24, 1952 that Mrs. IVANA ~~MICULINIC~~, who operates the tavern at 1802 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the present treasurer of the club Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Miscellaneous

T-10, of known reliability, advised on June 17, 1952 that he knew of no recent organizational activities on the part of the Chicago Clubs of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-4 advised on June 18, 1952 that it was his opinion that the activities of the South Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia have been discontinued and are non-existent. According to this informant, the Pro-Tito activities in the South Chicago area are now centered around Lodge No. 9 of the Croatian Fraternal Union. T-4 also advised on June 18, 1952 that Lodge No. 9 of the CFU has for many years borne the reputation of being

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Communist dominated. Since the Tito-Cominform break the leadership has been dividing between the Titoites and the Cominformists. However, at the time the Trieste resolution was brought up in Lodge No. 9 it was done so by a Titoite and it was seconded by one of the Lodge leaders who was heretofore completely pro-Cominform in his attitude.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

- T-1 SF-1778-S, as set forth in San Francisco teletype, April 2, 1952, captioned "Pro-Tito Yugoslav Activities, Internal Security - YU".
- T-2 [redacted], information furnished orally on all dates to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-3 CG-5768-S*
- T-4 [redacted], information furnished orally on all dates to SA ANDREW A. ARMSTRONG, JR.
- T-5 Anonymous source.
- T-6 Anonymous source.
- T-7 [redacted], information furnished on all dates to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD, except on April 24, 1952 to SA ANDREW A. ARMSTRONG, JR.
- T-8 [redacted] information furnished orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-9 CG-5769-S*
- T-10 [redacted] information furnished orally on June 17, 1952 to SA JOHN F. SWEENEY.
- T-11 [redacted] of the CFU who furnished the above information to Special Agent John P. Huigens on March 13, 1952.
- T-12 [redacted] of the CFU who furnished the above information to Special Agent James D. Faziola on September 24, 1951.

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Chicago Office

At Chicago, Illinois

Will follow and report the activities of this organization in the Chicago area.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of this organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by October 1, 1952.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLBY dated January 9, 1952 at Chicago, Illinois

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SAC, New York (105-2290)

July 28, 1952

Director, FBI (100-370142) - 80

CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka,
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Reurlet 7-21-52.

It is assumed that the date 1-10-53 was inadvertently stated in relet as the date when your next report would be submitted.

Inasmuch as urlet recalls the Bureau has previously instructed that reports be submitted on a quarterly basis, it is expected that your next report will be submitted promptly for the quarter ending 10-1-52.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: JUL 21 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka.
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Reference is made to Bureau 01 Form letter dated 7/14/52 in the above-captioned matter.

This is to advise the Bureau that since submission of the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, dated 5/19/52, New York, N.Y., no pertinent developments have occurred in the affairs of subject organization, and confidential informants active in the Yugoslav field have advised that this organization has been inactive and is not expected to resume its activities before the end of the summer.

It is realized that the Bureau has instructed that reports be submitted in this case on a quarterly basis. However, in view of the lack of activity on the part of the organization since submission of the last report, the next report will be submitted on 1/10/53 unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

(Your file
(105-2290))

) DATE: 7-14-52

FROM : Director, FBI (100-370142)

SUBJECT: CLUE OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka.
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- () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted 1-10-53Reason for delay See my LET 7-21-52

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- ✓ Surep immediately. 100-370142-86

ENCLOSURE

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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FBI - NEW YORK	
<i>[Signature]</i>	

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (#100-370142)

DATE: September 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, Chicago (#100-21626)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,
aka Friends of New Yugoslavia
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU
REGISTRATION ACT
Origin - New YorkRerep SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY, dated 6-30-52, at
Chicago, Illinois.Since the submission of rerep, contact has been main-
tained with informant [redacted], former [redacted]
and Source of Information [redacted]b2
b7D[redacted] all of whom are informed
concerning activities among Yugoslavs in the Chicago
area. It has been ascertained from the above indi-
viduals that no activity on the part of the Chicago
clubs of captioned organization has been noted during
the past few months.These informants have been alerted to advise this
office of any activity on the part of this organiza-
tion in the future.In view of the lack of activity during the past three
months on the part of the Chicago club of captioned
organization, the quarterly report due on October 1,
1952 will not be submitted. In the event that the
Chicago clubs of captioned organization become active
and engage in any activities during the next three
months, a report will be submitted by January 1, 1953.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka., Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU; REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as President of subject organization and NIKOLA GRUBELIC is still the Treasurer. Activities of organization almost at a complete standstill due to lack of interest and disillusionment regarding TITO and his regime on part of Yugoslavs in this country. Only affair sponsored by subject organization was a picnic in Bayside, NY, on 8/3/52. This affair was attended by approximately 150 people and a collection was taken up for "NOVI LIST", pro-TITO newspaper published in NYC.

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On September 29, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised there have been no changes in the administration of subject organization; NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as the President and NIKOLA GRUBELIC is still the Treasurer.

The informant stated that a general membership meeting was not held in 1952 and consequently no new officers were elected. Informant attributes the omission of the 1952 general membership meeting to a complete lack of interest

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on the part of the members which has resulted in bringing the activities of the organization to a standstill.

Informant explained that a great many pro-TITO Yugoslavs here within the last year or so visited their homeland in order to see their relatives and also to acquaint themselves with conditions under the present TITO regime. What they saw, the informant stated, has greatly disillusioned them, although very few will openly admit so for fear that uncomplimentary remarks about the TITO government might lead to repercussions against their relatives in Yugoslavia.

As a result, the informant stated, a vast majority among those returning to the United States of America are now much more appreciative of what this country has to offer them in the way of personal freedom and material opportunities. As a further result of their experience in Yugoslavia they have lost all interest in pro-TITO activities and organizations in this country.

This indifference towards the pro-TITO efforts put forth by Yugoslav propaganda groups, according to the informant, has caused considerable alarm among Yugoslav government representations in this country and among those in charge of propaganda activities for the TITO regime.

The informant pointed out that a characteristic expression of this apprehension among pro-TITO leaders is an article which appeared in the September 18, 1952 issue of "NOVI LIST", pro-TITO Croatian language newspaper published in New York City. This article was written by ALEXANDER JURIC, chairman of "NOVI LIST". It is admitted in the article that there has been a considerable lack of activity among "our organizations", particularly as regards "cultural or mass meetings." This inactivity is ostensibly attributed to the normal summer slump. The article calls for an early resumption of activities during the coming fall and winter season.

The following suggestions are made in this connection:

"Celebrations with concert programs in which

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✓ "the younger generation in particular should participate; furthermore, meetings with carefully selected speakers ^{who} also should be qualified to discuss and clarify pertinent political and cultural problems."

The article then goes on: "A great number of excellent films can now be obtained from Yugoslavia; these films should be used as a most effective means to revive activities among our countrymen. Mention should also be made of various exhibits of Yugoslav made products...During the coming winter months we shall make an effort to work in harmony and to achieve practical results. Let us remember that we have a great responsibility towards our people in the old country and that it is up to us whether or not we will discharge our obligations."

By report dated August 4, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1, advised regarding a picnic held under the auspices of the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship on August 3, 1952, at Hockett's Veron Hall, 45-62 211th Street, Bayside, New York. This affair was attended by approximately 150 people including some representatives of Yugoslav diplomatic and consular offices in New York City. The informant related that the main purpose of this affair was to raise funds for "NOVI LIST" and to popularize this paper among the Yugoslavs in the New York Area.

According to informant's report, NIKOLA TELETSMANIC in a brief opening address described the history of the Partisan movement in Yugoslavia during World War II. He also urged those present to support the policies of the leaders of the new Yugoslavia who are leading their people to socialism and industrial reconstruction.

✓ The main speaker was BUDISLAV LONCAR, Yugoslav Vice Consul in New York City, whose speech dealt with the efforts of the TITO regime to improve the living conditions of the Yugoslav people. LONCAR stated that these efforts directed to bringing about true socialism in Yugoslavia are being hampered by the Soviet Union. He concluded his speech with an appeal to his listeners to help the old country and to support the Yugoslav organizations in this country.

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The informant stated that the total amount collected at this affair for "NOVI LIST" was \$209 and ten individuals entered new subscriptions to "NOVI LIST".

It is to be noted that "NOVI LIST" has repeatedly been described by the informant as a pro-TITO propaganda publication which is being edited in close cooperation with Yugoslav Government Officials in New York City.

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, Aka. Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The Yugoslav American National Committee, which has been described as a committee within the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club, sponsored the 9th Anniversary celebration of the declaration of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which was held on 11/16/52 in Chicago. Yugoslav officials assisted in the organization of plans for this celebration and V. M. VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consul General, Chicago, NIKOLA MANDIC, Yugoslav Embassy Counselor, and ZDENKO SVETE, First Secretary, Yugoslav Embassy, were principal speakers at this affair. Attendance reported not to have exceeded 100 individuals and to have been a bitter disappointment to the Yugoslav officials. Yugoslav American National Committee reported to have sent letters to local Yugoslav clubs and to all lodges of CFU in Chicago area explaining that a type of central committee is being organized to promote celebrations in honor of Yugoslav Day and soliciting representatives be selected to make up this central committee.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

9th Anniversary Celebration of the Declaration
of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,
November 16, 1952, Chicago, Illinois

T-1, of known reliability, advised on October 8, 1952, that pro-Tito factions headed by representatives of Club American Yugoslav Friendship in Chicago were making arrangements for a celebration which is known as Yugoslav Day. Informant advised at this time that the date for this celebration in Chicago, Illinois, had not yet been set but that the affair was expected to be held in November or December of 1952.

Informant further advised that he had learned that VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, the Yugoslav Consul General, Chicago, had informed Yugoslav officials in Washington, D. C., that in view of the weak pro-Tito support in the Chicago area only a small crowd was expected at this affair, which might prove embarrassing to the Yugoslav Ambassador in the event that he should decide to speak at this affair in Chicago. Informant also learned that VUKMIROVIC is expected to be one of the main speakers at the Yugoslav Day celebration in Chicago when it is held.

T-1 advised on November 7, 1952, that he had ascertained that the 9th Anniversary celebration of the declaration of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was to be held on November 16, 1952, at Chicago, Illinois. T-1 related that it was to be held at Kordovan's Hall, also called National Hall, located at 1802 South Racine Avenue. According to this informant, this celebration was being sponsored by a local pro-Tito organization in Chicago called Friends of New Yugoslavia. Informant explained that a committee formed from this club, Friends of New Yugoslavia, which is known as the Yugoslav American National Committee, were making all the arrangements for this affair and that members of this committee were co-operating in this regard with NIKOLA KOZUL, IVAN JOZIC and JOZE MORAVEC of the Yugoslav Consulate General, Chicago, Illinois.

T-1 on December 4, 1952, advised that KOZUL and JOZIC, who were identified as Vice Consuls, and MORAVEC, described as Deputy Consul, all attached to the Yugoslav Consulate General, Chicago, continue to work in close cooperation with each other in the course of making contacts among local Yugoslav groups throughout the Chicago area. According to T-1, the individuals heading up the work in connection with the preparation of the Yugoslav Day celebration in Chicago were stated to be FRANK LACKOVIC and MILAN BIGA, both of whom were described by informant as Croatian and Serbian pro-Tito contacts of the Yugoslav Consulate who are leaders within the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia.

With reference to FRANK LACKOVIC, T-2, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945, that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section, Communist Party. This informant described LACKOVIC as a charter member of the Communist Party.

T-3, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950, that until recently FRANK LACKOVIC had over a long time been associated with the "Narodni Glasnik," described as a Croatian weekly newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which follows the Communist Party line. Informant added, however, that LACKOVIC had left the pro-Stalin faction and he is currently active in the pro-Tito faction and helped to organize the Chicago club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia. Informant added that "Narodni Glasnik" is currently published in Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to MILAN BIGA, T-4, of known reliability, advised on April 14, 1950, that the "Novi List," issue of March 15, 1950, Page 2, Columns 3, 4 and 5, set forth that MILAN BIGA is a member of the Cultural Committee of the Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

With reference to "Novi List," T-4 advised on April 14, 1950, that this was a new pro-Tito Yugoslav paper published in New York City which is pro-Tito in its editorial policy.

T-5, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945, that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Bosworth Avenue, Chicago, is a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch.

T-4 advised on December 12, 1950, that MILAN BIGA has long had the reputation of being a Yugoslav Communist and during the past several years has been a contact of Yugoslav Consulate personnel in the Chicago area.

T-6, of known reliability, advised that on November 13, 1952, he had learned from V. M. ~~VUKMIROVIC~~, Yugoslav Consul General, Chicago, that the Chicago Celebration in honor of the founding of the present government in Yugoslavia was to be held on November 16, 1952, and would start at 3:00 p.m. Informant learned also that MARTIN ~~MARETIC~~ was to be in charge of this affair. Informant identified MARETIC as President of the Chicago club Friends of New Yugoslavia.

With reference to MARTIN MARETIC, T-3 advised on December 9, 1950, that MARTIN MARETIC, 1907 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, was President of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club in Chicago. Informant stated that MARETIC, to the best of his knowledge, has never been a Communist Party member, but is currently pro-Tito in his political views.

T-6 further advised that he learned on November 14, 1952, that NIKOLA KOZUL, who was active in making arrangements for the above-mentioned Yugoslav Day celebration, had received instructions from NIKOLA ~~MANDIC~~, described by informant as Yugoslav Embassy Counselor. Informant stated that MANDIC had informed KOZUL that ZDENKO ~~SVETE~~, described as First Secretary of the Yugoslav Embassy, planned to come to Chicago, Illinois, to attend the Yugoslav Day rally but MANDIC was not certain at that time as to whether SVETE would be able to be present. According to information obtained by informant, KOZUL was anxious to have MANDIC attend this Yugoslav Day celebration in view of the fact that MANDIC would be able to speak to those in attendance in both the Croatian and Slovene languages. Informant also

learned that publicity had been given to this rally in Chicago in an article printed in "Hrvatski Svet," described as a Croatian newspaper printed in New York City, which article was written by FRANK LACKOVIC.

With reference to NIKOLA MANDIC and ZDENKO SVETE, T-7, of known reliability, in August, 1952, identified NIKOLA MANDIC as the UDBa (Security Police) agent attached to the Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C. T-7 advised that MANDIC's position at the Embassy places him in the responsible position of approving all visas of people desiring to enter Yugoslavia. He also devotes himself to the work of propagandizing Tito's Communism among Yugoslav-American elements throughout the United States. In this work MANDIC has assisting him and working directly under him ZDENKO SVETE, and as such SVETE is undoubtedly attached to the UDBa organization of Yugoslavia.

According to T-6, NIKOLA KOZUL and JOZE MORAVEC attended to a number of details pertaining to making arrangements for the Yugoslav officials to attend the Yugoslav Day rally in Chicago on November 16, 1952, and it was learned that ZDENKO SVETE planned to arrive in Chicago on November 15, 1952, and that NIKOLA MANDIC planned to come but would arrive at a later date. Informant learned that KOZUL and MORAVEC had decided that in the event MANDIC did not arrive in time for the Yugoslav Day celebration SVETE could make a speech in Croatian and MORAVEC could make a speech in Slovene. It was also suggested by KOZUL and MORAVEC that as an alternative to MORAVEC, MILAN MEDVESEK might speak in Slovene. MEDVESEK was identified by informant as editor of the Slovene newspaper "Prosveta," the official organ of the Slovene National Benefit Society. Informant described the Slovene National Benefit Society as a large Slovene fraternal insurance organization with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to MILAN MEDVESEK, T-8, of known reliability, advised on June 28, 1949, that MILAN MEDVESEK is a former "left-wing Socialist" who broke away from the Socialist Party and, as of that time, was a Communist sympathizer and a supporter of Russian ideology.

This same informant advised on April 30, 1950, that MEDVESEK was at that time pro-Tito in his political views, and that subsequent to the Tito-Cominform split, he had made a three-month trip to Yugoslavia as a delegate of the Slovenian-American National Council.

The Slovenian National Council, commonly referred to by the initials SANS, is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

T-1 advised on December 4, 1952, that the Yugoslav Day celebration was held on November 16, 1952, at National Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue, Chicago. According to this informant, MILAN MEDVESEK was master of ceremonies at this celebration. The principal speakers at this affair were V. M. VUKMIROVIC, NIKOLA MANDIC and ZDENKO SVETE. Informant reported that MANDIC and SVETE spoke as representatives of the Yugoslav Embassy at Washington, D. C.

Informant also advised that VUKMIROVIC in his talk spoke in general terms with reference to the history and background of Yugoslavia without touching on any pertinent political issues. Informant stated that MANDIC in the course of his talk spoke on the results of the recent Congress of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia which took place in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and stated that it was decided at this Congress that Yugoslavia would support the decisions of the United Nations with respect to world political issues. MANDIC reportedly criticized Russia for her actions and attitude toward Yugoslavia and he reaffirmed Yugoslavia's present firm stand against Russian domination. He also stated that Yugoslavia will continue to maintain free relations with the Western powers.

According to T-1, SVETE in his speech spoke with reference to the development of industries and the expansion of business within Yugoslavia and he stressed the progress being made by Yugoslavia as of the present time.

Informant reported that the Yugoslav officials were bitterly disappointed over the very small attendance at this affair which, in the opinion of informant, did not exceed 100 individuals. Informant stated, however, that at least 500 personal invitations had been sent out for this affair, forty of which were sent to Slovene leaders, and that only approximately ten Slovene individuals had attended the affair. Informant advised that several individuals who normally attend such affairs had informed the Yugoslav authorities that they were afraid to attend because of the current investigations and arrests being made on the part of federal authorities. Informant gave as another reason for the poor attendance the diminishing support of the pro-Tito faction in the Chicago area on the part of local Yugoslavs.

This informant, in referring to the Slovenes in attendance, further explained that a split has developed within the Slovene language group with respect to the pro-Tito and pro-Cominform issues. According to this informant, several leading Slovenes have not participated in any of the Consulate activities during the past year and the break between the two factions is becoming wider and more open.

T-9, of known reliability, advised on December 4, 1952, that he had attended the 9th Anniversary celebration held in Chicago in celebration of the declaration of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This informant advised that this affair was sponsored by the Yugoslav American National Committee, which, in the opinion of informant, is part of the organization known as Club of American Yugoslav Friendship which is also known as the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club.

Informant described the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club as a local pro-Tito group. Informant added that the Yugoslav Day celebration was held at the National Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, and that approximately 125 persons attended this affair. The principal speakers were NIKOLA MANDIC, ZDENKO SVETE, representatives of the Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C., and V. M. VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consul General, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that the

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master of ceremonies for this affair was MILAN MEDVESEK, editor of the newspaper "Prosveta."

Informant reported that SVETE during the course of his remarks explained to the audience that the misunderstanding between Russia and Yugoslavia had developed as far back as 1943. He added that at the end of the last war Russia withdrew the Russian Army from Yugoslavia but sent political instructors to Yugoslavia who were placed in all policy-making positions within the Yugoslav government and Yugoslavia resented this form of domination. SVETE likewise reaffirmed Yugoslavia's firm attitude toward Russia.

With respect to relations between Yugoslavia and Russia, SVETE stated that any aggression would have to come from a satellite country of Russia, such as Hungary or Bulgaria, and he added that Yugoslavia has a strong Army and will fight any intruders. SVETE likewise drew a comparison between the Communist Party within Russia and the Yugoslav Communist Party, stating that they were different. He explained that in Yugoslavia, for example, a group of individuals in the form of a committee make all the plans for the shop workers within a factory, while in Russia one man determines the policy for each factory. He also explained with respect to the present administration of Yugoslavia that the Yugoslav Communist movement and the Partisan Party of Yugoslavia at the outset of the last war were organized by students and the younger people of Yugoslavia, and that now many of these former students are the ones who hold high government positions within the Yugoslav government.

He also spoke of the progress and expansion of industry now taking place within Yugoslavia, pointing out that great strides are being made to develop the resources of the country. He likewise expressed his desire and the desire of the Yugoslav government that close, friendly relations be maintained with the United States.

Informant likewise advised that NIKOLA MANDIC also spoke along

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the same general lines as SVETE and he bitterly denounced Russia because of Russia's attitude towards Yugoslavia and he blamed Russia for interfering in the progress of Yugoslavia. He accused Russia of being a dictatorship and stressed the fact that Yugoslavia had refused to submit to Russian domination. He also spoke with appreciation for the aid received by Yugoslavia from the United States and he stated that Yugoslavia desires to continue friendly relations with the United States.

Informant reported that MILAN MEDVESEK during the course of his remarks merely commented on the fact that although the attendance at this affair was small, it should be remembered that the original Partisan forces were small at their inception also. Informant added that a luncheon was also served at this affair. The informant noted NIKOLA KOZUL, IVAN JOZIC, JOZE MORAVEC, FRANK LACKOVIC and MILAN BIGA sit together at the head table. According to this informant, FRANK LACKOVIC was chairman of the affair.

Yugoslav American National Committee

It is to be noted that T-1 on December 16, 1952, and T-9 on December 11, 1952, both advised that the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia is a local pro-Tito group whose leaders work in close relationship with Yugoslav Consulate officials, and that the Yugoslav American National Committee is a committee formed by the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia and is composed of some of the leaders of the aforementioned club.

T-9 advised on December 11, 1952, that form letters are being sent out by the Yugoslav American National Committee by FRANK LACKOVIC to local Yugoslav clubs and to all lodges of the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) in the Chicago area. In these form letters it is explained that a type of central committee is being organized to promote celebrations in honor of Yugoslav Day and the organizations to which these form letters were sent are being solicited to send representatives who will make up this central committee. In these form letters

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the president of the Yugoslav American National Committee is listed as MARTIN MARETIC and the secretary as GERTRUDE RAJACICH. The informant advised that MARETIC is the president of the Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia and that GERTRUDE RAJACICH has only recently become active in pro-Tito activities subsequent to the Tito-Cominform split.

With reference to the CFU, T-3 advised on September 12, 1952, that this is a large Croatian fraternal insurance organization with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Although the entire Communist supported slate of officers of this organization was elected at its 1951 convention, strong anti-Communist factions exist within this organization that could defeat Communist leadership if anti-Communist forces could cooperate.

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- T-1 [] Information furnished orally on all dates to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
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- T-3 Former CG [] Information furnished on all dates to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-4 [] Information furnished orally on all dates to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-5 Anonymous source
- T-6 CG 5768-S*
- T-7 [] as set forth in report of SA ROBERT E. WEEMS dated 12/15/52, Washington, D. C., entitled "Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C., Internal Security - YU."
- T-8 Former [] Information furnished 10/1/52 orally to SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY and on other dates orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-9 [] Information furnished orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will follow and report the activities of this organization in the Chicago area.

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organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by April 1, 1953.

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Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated June 30, 1952, at Chicago, Illinois.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NIKOLA TELESMANIC and NIKOLA GRUBELIC continue as President and Treasurer, respectively, of subject organization. STEVE VIDOSIC is Secretary. Informants report total membership for the NY area is 75 members. Meetings have been poorly attended and organization has been almost entirely inactive within last six months.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on November 5, 1952 that NIKOLA TELESMANIC and NIKOLA GRUBELIC continue as President and Treasurer, respectively, of subject organization. The informant stated that STEVE VIDOSIC is the Secretary.

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On October 27, 1952, Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, advised that the Club of Yugoslav American Friendship was an organization of individuals of Yugoslav extraction who are friendly towards the TITO regime. Informant stated that the organization was lending moral and financial support to "Novi List", which the informant described as a pro-TITO, Croatian-language newspaper published in New York City.

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The informant stated that this paper is the main propaganda outlet of the pro-TITO element and that it operates at a financial loss, which is being overcome by contributions from various pro-TITO organizations such as the subject organization.

Confidential Informant T-1, on November 5, 1952, reported that the subject organization has a membership of approximately 75 members but that the active membership comprises not more than 15 individuals. Meetings are held on the last Friday of the month at the Yugoslav American Home in New York City. The informant stated that the meetings of this organization are poorly attended, partly because of the fact that they are held at the Yugoslav American Home which has a reputation of being a place frequented by Communists.

The informant stated that the Club of Yugoslav American Friendship is non-political in character and primarily concerns itself with raising money and collecting such items as used clothing, which are subsequently shipped to Yugoslavia for the aid of the destitute in that country.

The speeches given by the leaders of the Club stress the obligation of Americans of Yugoslav extraction to be good Americans but at the same time to be friends of Yugoslavia since this country is considered to be an ally of the United States.

The informant stated from his personal observation at meetings of the Club that this organization is not engaged in any type of activity inimical to the best interests of this country but is engaged in the worthwhile cause of attempting to aid the destitute in Yugoslavia.

On November 18, 1952, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised concerning the creation in New York City of a Stockholders Protective Committee of the Yugoslav American Home. The informant explained that this organization is composed of pro-TITO individuals, who, for several years, have unsuccessfully attempted to remove the Yugoslav American Home from pro-Cominform domination. The creation of the Protective Committee is the latest attempt on the part of this group in this direction.

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A circular was issued by the Protective Committee over the signatures of various individuals. Among them were NIKOLA TELESMANIC and NIKOLA GRUBELIC of subject organization. In this circular, the present administration of the Yugoslav American Home is accused of having caused disharmony and bitter political strife among the members of the Yugoslav Colony. In addition, it is stated in the circular that the financial condition of the Home has deteriorated to a point where the original investment of the stockholders is endangered. In order to rectify this condition and to bring about the necessary changes, the recipients of the circular are urged to sign a proxy in order to enable the committee to exercise the voting rights of all those stockholders who are opposed to the present administration of the Home.

On November 18, 1952, Confidential Informant T-3 advised concerning the regular quarterly stockholders meeting of the Yugoslav American Home on October 31, 1952. The informant stated that NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman of subject organization, was present at this meeting and severely criticized the administration of the Home.

According to an article which appeared in the December 4, 1952 issue of "Novi List" (page 1, columns 3 and 7), NIKOLA TELESMANIC was one of the principal speakers at a celebration of the Yugoslav National Holiday of November 29th. This celebration was held on December 4, 1952 at the Yugoslav American Home under the sponsorship of the Yugoslav Consulate General, and MIODRAG MARKOVIC, Consul General of Yugoslavia, delivered the opening, as well as closing address. With regard to TELESMANIC'S speech, the article reveals that he spoke "on behalf of the Club of Yugoslav American Friendship, as well as in the name of native compatriots", and that he offered his felicitations to the Yugoslav Government on occasion of the National Holiday. It is stated in the article that TELESMANIC spoke warmly about the assistance which the Yugoslavs in this country had rendered in "building the new Yugoslavia". He stated that in spite of the machinations of the Cominform, the Yugoslav Americans continue to stand firmly behind their old country and its people.

On December 3, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that a meeting of subject organization had been set

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for November 26, 1952 at the Yugoslav American Home; however, only three persons showed up in addition to two officers of the organization. As a result, it was decided to hold this meeting at a later date.

On January 19, 1953, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the subject organization has been almost entirely inactive within the last six months. The informant stated that those few meetings as were held had been poorly attended and, therefore, had to be cancelled on various occasions.

The informant stated that he regularly reads "Novi List", which, in the past, has served as the official mouthpiece of subject organization, and that he had been unable to find any reference to the Club of Yugoslav American Friendship or to affairs sponsored by this organization.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted] who furnished the information attributed to him on November 5, 1952 and December 3, 1952 to SA JAMES M. ANDERSON.

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T-2 [redacted]
[redacted] Woodside, New York, who is a [redacted]
and requested that his identity be concealed. The informant furnished this information on October 27, 1952 to SA JAMES M. ANDERSON and the writer.

T-3 [redacted] who was contacted by the writer.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization with a view of determining the existence, nature, and extent of control by a foreign principal.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT, 10/16/52, New York.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU; REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago arranged a farewell party for IVAN JOZIC and JOZE MORAVEC, Yugoslav Consul representatives of the Chicago Yugoslav Consulate General who were recently recalled to Yugoslavia. The farewell party was held February 7, 1953 at Kordovan's Hall, Chicago, Illinois, and approximately 26 persons were in attendance. JOZIC and MORAVEC each reportedly gave short speeches thanking those present for arranging the party in their honor. Informant reported JOZIC also spoke concerning the relations existing between Yugoslavia and Russia and he emphasized there was to be no return in the direction of Russia on the part of Yugoslavia. A collection was taken up at this party for JOZIC who allegedly was having financial difficulties. The Friends of New Yugoslavia Club which sponsored the farewell party reportedly contributed \$10 toward the collection for JOZIC.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FAREWELL PARTY FOR IVAN JOZIC,
AND JOZE MORAVEC, YUGOSLAV CONSULATE REPRESENTATIVES
Chicago, Illinois, February 7, 1953

T-1, of known reliability, advised on February 11, 1953 that he had attended a farewell party held on Saturday, February 7, 1953 at Kordovan's Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, which affair according to this informant, was sponsored by the organization, "Friends of New Yugoslavia", which was described by this informant as a pro-Tito Yugoslav club in Chicago. According to the informant, approximately twenty-six persons were in attendance at this farewell party and the purpose of the affair was in the nature of a farewell party for ~~IVAN JOZIC~~, Vice Consul, and ~~JOZE MORAVEC~~, Deputy Consul in Chicago, Illinois. Yugo Yugo

Informant advised at that time that JOZIC expected to depart from the United States for Yugoslavia sometime during February, 1953. He also advised that MORAVEC also has been recalled to Yugoslavia and expected to leave the United States for Yugoslavia about March 15, 1953.

Informant reported that JOZIC gave a short speech in the form of greetings to those present in which he endeavored to explain his friendliness towards those present as well as the various groups which they represented. JOZIC thanked everyone for arranging the party in honor of his departure. He then spoke on the relations currently existing between Yugoslavia and Russia and he allegedly emphasized the fact that there was to be no return in the direction of Russia on the part of Yugoslavia. He stated in his speech that the reason for the continuance of the breach between Yugoslavia and Russia was the fact that Yugoslavia believes in Democracy and also in the principle that each country is entitled to have its own government without any interference on the part of other countries.

JOZIC likewise discussed the current political issue revolving around ~~Arch Bishop~~ ALOJZIJ STEPINAC of Yugoslavia,
Archbishop

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and he tried to explain that Yugoslavia is in the process of arranging with Catholic Bishops and other church officials to have religious freedom in Yugoslavia, but not under the control of the Pope.

MORAVEC also reportedly made a very short farewell speech thanking those present and also stating that he had enjoyed his stay in the United States and that he had made many friends. MORAVEC reportedly emphasized that the success of the work of the Consulate officials depended on the people whom they met.

The informant explained also that the social gathering which followed this affair lasted until approximately midnight.

Informant reported learning at this time that JOZIC and MORAVEC were expected to be replaced by an unknown individual or individuals from the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C. Informant also learned from JOZIC that his wife has been ill ever since their arrival in the United States from Yugoslavia and that he had requested his transfer back to Yugoslavia.

Also with respect to JOZIC the informant learned that those in attendance at the farewell party were informed that JOZIC was having financial difficulties and as a result of this a collection was taken up at this affair for his benefit. Informant learned that the organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia", which sponsored this farewell party contributed \$10 toward this collection for JOZIC.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on February 9, 1953 that he had attended the farewell party for IVAN JOZIC and JOZE MORAVEC, which was held Saturday February 7, 1953 at Kordovan's Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue. Informant advised that this farewell party was sponsored by the Chicago Club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia, and that this affair was attended by only a small group of people. Informant reported that this affair was in the form of a farewell party for JOZIC and MORAVEC, who had been recalled to Yugoslavia.

Archbishop
✓ With respect to Arch-Bishop ALOJZIJ STEPANAC, T-2 advised on December 4, 1952 that information pertaining to propaganda activities on the part of Yugoslav Consulate General personnel in Chicago had been forwarded to Chicago by NIKOLA MANDIC of the Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C. pertaining to a meeting scheduled to be held in Chicago to honor the Roman Catholic Cardinal Designate ALOJZIJ STEPANAC of Yugoslavia. Informant advised that MANDIC decided that efforts be made on the part of Yugoslav Consulate personnel to discourage support of this meeting in behalf of STEPANAC. The informant explained that Cardinal Designate STEPANAC, a Croatian Roman Catholic priest, in the opinion of representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate, as well as the Yugoslav government, cooperated with the ANTE PAVELIC Regime during the last war and as a result he was accused by Yugoslav authorities of being guilty of participating in the massacre of large numbers of Serbian individuals. STEPANAC in 1946 was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment in Yugoslavia for these alleged acts, but recently was released from prison, but has been forbidden to leave Yugoslavia. Informant also explained that PAVELIC was the puppet ruler of Croatia during the German domination in World War II.

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✓ T-3, of known reliability, advised on January 8, 1953 that he had learned from VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consulate General in Chicago, had reported to NIKOLA MANDIC that representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate General had contacted all the people that they could in connection with MANDIC's instructions concerning the STEPANAC meeting in Chicago and that letters had been forwarded to those participating in the program of this meeting which was scheduled to be held in Chicago on Sunday, January 11, 1953. (LL)

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted] who furnished information orally
to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

T-2 [redacted] who furnished information orally
to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on all dates indicated.

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue to follow and report the activities of this organization on a quarterly basis submitting the next report by June 1, 1953.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated 1/13/53
at Chicago.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

(File 100-21626)

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CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, AKA
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU
REGISTRATION ACT

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP aka, Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NIKOLA TELESMANIC and NIKOLA GRUBELIC re-elected as president and treasurer, respectively, of captioned organization. General membership meeting held on 2/27/53 in NYC was attended by only 12 individuals. Monthly meetings generally poorly attended and informants report that subject organization continues in a state of almost total inactivity. ALEXANDER JURIC, a leading member of this organization, and NIKOLA TELESMANIC, president, attended annual shareholders meeting of Yugoslav American Home in NYC on 1/17/53 as spokesman of pro-Tito opposition. Both attacked present leadership of the Home as being pro-Cominform and antagonistic to Marshal TITO and the New Yugoslavia.

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OFFICERS

On March 6, 1953, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that captioned organization had held a general membership meeting on February 27, 1953, for the purpose of electing officers for the current year. The informant stated that the term of the previous administration was extended at this meeting for another year. NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as president, and NIKOLA GRUBELIC as treasurer. *N.Y.*

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ACTIVITIES

N.Y. T-1 stated that this meeting was attended by only twelve members and that this poor attendance is characteristic for all meetings of the organization which continues in a state of almost total inactivity. ALEXANDER JURIC was the chairman at the meeting and the discussion dealt exclusively with suggestions as to how the group could interest other Yugoslavs in the organization. It was suggested that more Yugoslavs would attend the meetings of the group if they were not held at the Yugoslav American Home which has more and more become a center of pro-Cominform activity.

N.Y. ANTHONY RADOS, a prominent pro-Tito Yugoslav, vigorously opposed this suggestion. It was his contention that the Home was established for the Yugoslav people in New York City and that if the pro-Tito groups were to move out the pro-Cominform Yugoslavs would be in a position to take over completely.

On April 1, 1953, Confidential Informant T-1 reported concerning a meeting of the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship on March 27, 1953, at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. The meeting was commenced at 9 P.M. and lasted until 11 P.M. The main topic of discussion centered around the manner in which the group could be reactivated. It was decided to sponsor a concert to be held at the Home on April 12, 1953.

Nothing of a political nature was discussed at this meeting according to the informant.

CONNECTIONS WITH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

N.Y. Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, made available a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1950, signed by M. BARTELL of the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party. This letter sets forth the role to be played by the SWP in the organization known as Friends of New Yugoslavia. BARTELL indicates in the letter that efforts should be continued on the part of the branches of the SWP

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to build support in the United States for the Yugoslav revolution and for recruiting American Yugoslavs who have broken with Stalinism.

BARTELL states that Friends of New Yugoslavia is an American Yugoslav organization of heterogeneous political composition including Titoists, petty bourgeois and revolutionary elements and a large proportion of persons who were patriots of both the United States and Yugoslavia.

The organization, according to BARTELL, is lacking in leadership and unclear in purpose except in its support of new Yugoslavia. BARTELL states that the SWP comrades should help build the movement, get subscriptions to the pro-Tito Yugoslav newspaper, "Novi List", and help win supporters for the Titoist Workers State among the Yugoslavs. At the same time the SWP comrades should propagandize the SWP, contact as many Yugoslavs as possible, hold public Party meetings on Yugoslavia, advertise in "Novi List", etc.

It is to be noted that the Socialist Workers Party is an organization which was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, has repeatedly stated that "Novi List", a Croatian language newspaper published in New York City, is the main outlet for pro-Tito propaganda among Yugoslavs in this country.

YUGOSLAV AMERICAN HOME

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 17, 1953, that ALEXANDER JURIC and NIKOLA TELESMANIC were among approximately half a dozen pro-Tito Yugoslavs who, on January 16, 1953, attended the annual shareholders meeting of the Yugoslav American Home.

The informant pointed out that the Yugoslav American Home had been a center of Communist activity among the Yugoslav element in New York City ever since its inception

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in 1946 and that following the Tito-Cominform split in 1948, the Home has come under the complete control of pro-Cominform groups. A minority among the shareholders, the informant stated, however, joined the pro-Tito camp and forms a small but vociferous opposition within the Yugoslav American Home.

The informant stated that ALEXANDER JURIC and NIKOLA TELESMANIC are the principal spokesmen for this pro-Tito opposition and that both men spoke briefly at the aforementioned shareholders meeting on January 16, 1953. JURIC sharply criticized the annual reports submitted to the stockholders by the various officers of the Yugoslav American Home and accused them of lying when they asserted that the administration of the Home had been able to achieve a net profit in 1952. JURIC pointed out that the income of the Yugoslav American Home had shown a steady decline and he blamed the pro-Cominform activities of the administration for this condition as well as their failure to support present-day Yugoslavia. The informant stated that JURIC concluded his speech with the remark that those comrades expecting the TITO regime to collapse will be greatly disappointed.

NIKOLA TELESMANIC also sharply criticized the administration of the Yugoslav American Home chiefly because of its failure to support the new Yugoslavia which he said has done so much for the working class.

TELESMANIC said that one of the purposes in establishing the Yugoslav American Home back in 1946 had been the desire on the part of many Yugoslavs in the New York area to support the postwar regime in Yugoslavia. The administration of the Home, however, has consistently pursued the opposite course in that it waged a relentless struggle against the new Yugoslavia and against its supporters in this country.

TELESMANIC said that under those conditions it is not surprising that many pro-Tito Yugoslavs have decided to keep away from the Home, thus causing a further decline in the income of the Yugoslav American Home. TELESMANIC

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stated that this condition can, however, be easily corrected if the new administration should decide to change its policy and take a positive attitude towards present-day Yugoslavia.

ALEXANDER JURIC

According to a Statement of Ownership and Management published in "Novi List" on October 7, 1952, page 4, column 6, ALEXANDER JURIC is the editor of this newspaper and one of its owners.

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, who was connected, until a short time ago, with the administration of "Novi List", advised on October 27, 1952, that the editorial policy of this paper is directed by ALEXANDER JURIC and that JURIC associates freely with the Yugoslav officials in this country. The informant stated that JURIC is in complete sympathy with the TITO government.

The April 1, 1952 issue of "Novi List" (page 1, column 6) contains the text of a speech by ALEXANDER JURIC which was delivered at the annual stockholders meeting of "Novi List" on March 29, 1952, in New York City. He stated in this speech that the paper was fighting the enemies of Yugoslavia including the "Cominformists". He described the latter group as "agents of the most aggressive country in the world today, the Soviet Union."

Speaking of the paper's future task, JURIC called for continued efforts in exposing activities of the Cominformists and stated in this connection "the fight against them today is the basic task of every honest, democratically-minded man because the activities of the Cominformists represent the greatest danger to peace, to the freedom of the smaller nations and to the progress of mankind."

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T-1 [redacted]	General membership meeting on 2/27/53	3/6/53	JAMES M. ANDERSON (orally)	---
	Membership meeting on 3/27/53	4/1/53	JAMES M. ANDERSON (orally)	---
T-2 [redacted]	Letter from M. BARTELL, SWP, dated 8/28/50	10/5/50	WALTER A. HILGENDORF	St. Louis file 65-1588A
T-3 [redacted]	Shareholders meeting of Yugoslav American Home on 1/16/53	1/17/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT	NY [redacted]
T-4 [redacted]	Info concerning "Novi List"	10/27/52	JAMES M. ANDERSON (orally)	---

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization with a view to determining the existence, nature and extent of control by a foreign principal.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT 2/5/53, N.Y.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka., Friends of New Yugoslavia			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago, sponsored a supper held May 29, 1953 at Kordovan's Hall, Chicago, Illinois, which was held in honor of a group of ten visiting Yugoslav newspaper representatives. Approximately twentyfive Yugoslavs from the Chicago area were reported in attendance. Short speeches were made by some of the newspapermen and one of these made a motion, which was carried, that the group send greetings to Marshal TITO of Yugoslavia on his 61st birthday.

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SUPPER IN HONOR OF TEN YUGOSLAV
NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES, MAY
29, 1953, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

T-1, of known reliability, advised on June 3, 1953 that the "Friends of New Yugoslavia Club" in Chicago sponsored a supper which was held on May 29, 1953 at Kordovan's Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. According to this informant, this supper was given in honor of some visiting Yugoslav newspaper representatives who at that time were visiting in the

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United States.

T-1 attended this affair and reported that there were ten representatives from Yugoslav newspapers, two of whom were women and eight were men. Two of the men were Macedonians while the others were from Belgrade or Zagreb, Yugoslavia. The informant also advised that one of the two women newspaper representatives reportedly is from the Dubrovnik area of Yugoslavia. The names of these newspaper representatives are:

~~ANTON ZORKO~~
~~NIKOLA VITOROVIC~~
~~BORA JOVANOVIC~~, also known as ~~BOGOLOJUK JOVANOVIC~~ ^
~~IJUBO MILATOVIC~~
~~RATICO GAJIC~~, also known as ~~RATIMIR M. GAJIC~~ ^
~~BRANKO DODIC~~ ^
~~MILITA SINGER~~ ^
~~RODOLJUB JOVANOVIC~~
~~JOZA NENADOVIC~~, also known as ~~ALEKSANDER NENADOVIC~~ ^
~~ANTE PETRICIC~~ ^

The informant also advised that three Macedonians were also present at this affair. These three Macedonians were described by informant as friends of MILAN BIGA. Informant estimated that approximately twentyfive Yugoslavs from the Chicago area were in attendance at this supper.

According to T-1, FRANK LACKOVIC arranged this affair and the cost of the supper was \$2.00 per person. Informant added that short speeches were made by some of those present at this affair.

T-1 reported that one of the Macedonian newspapermen spoke and told those present that working conditions in Macedonia were greatly improved and that the people there were happy and contented. At this point, according to T-1, EVA TODOROVIC, who was in attendance, whispered to a friend that if TITO would let all the contented Macedonians have

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Yugoslavia who wish to leave, the country would be empty.

T-1 also advised that ANTE PETRICIC, gave a talk in which he reported that he had been talking to Yugoslav individuals in the United States who are farmers and he had observed that these individuals are not as interested in cultural activities as the farmers of Yugoslavia are. T-1

T-1 advised also that PETRICIC made a motion to the chairman of the meeting to have the group send greetings to Marshal TITO of Yugoslavia on the occasion of his 61st birthday and this particular motion was carried. T-1 pointed out that it seemed very irregular to have a representative of TITO's government help to propose a resolution of this nature for a club in the United States.

According to T-1, BORA JOVANOVIC solicited the address of some of the individuals at this affair in order that he might correspond with them. JOVANOVIC gave as the address to which he might be addressed the following:

Care of ROBERTA CLARK
Room 5546
Foreign Agricultural Service
U.S.D.A.
Washington, D. C.

T-1 also advised that RATIMIR M. GAJIC of Belgrade, appeared interested in Yugoslav relief and asked questions of some of the individuals present concerning the former relief activities on the part of Yugoslavs in the United States. Informant added that GAJIC appeared to be the leader of the group and he furnished his address as:

Beograde, Kralja
Milutina - ph23-148.

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T-1 described all of these Yugoslav newspaper representatives as young and well educated. Informant stated that they appeared to have made a good impression on those in attendance at this affair and T-1 was of the opinion that the group was interested in developing information regarding former relief activities in order to correct any errors that might have been made in connection with this type of activity.

T-1 reported also that MILAN BIGA, during the course of his remarks stated that he and his Macedonian friends had treated their Yugoslav newspaper representative guests to a "swell supper" at some well known eating place and that the bill for this supper had amounted to \$200.00.

According to T-1 FRANK PUHARIC gave a short talk in which he stated that he wished to be buried in Yugoslavia when he dies and in describing working conditions in the United States stated that the factories are full of "stool pigeons". T-1 reported that at this particular point of PUHARIC's speech, EVA TODOROVIC was heard to remark to her friend seated near her that PUHARIC would be sorry if he returns to Yugoslavia.

Characterization of Officers

EVA TODOROVICH, also known as EVA TODOROVIC

With reference to EVA TODOROVICH, T-2, of known reliability, advised on December 21, 1950 that EVA TODOROVICH, who is a member of the cultural committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago, resides at 1161 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and since the inception of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago, she has been quite active in support of it as well as pro-TITO activities.

T-3, of known reliability advised on December 12, 1950 that he has from time to time observed articles in "Novi List"

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pertaining to the "Friends of New Yugoslavia", which carry the name of EVA TODOROVICH as writer of these articles.

Regarding "Novi List" it is to be noted that this is a bi-weekly newspaper published in New York City in the Croatian and Slovene languages. This paper was described by T-4, of known reliability, as a pro-TITO propaganda organ which is being edited in accordance with the directives and policies of the official representatives of the TITO government in this country.

FRANK LACKOVIC

With reference to FRANK LACKOVIC, T-5, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945 that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section, Communist Party. This informant described LACKOVIC as a charter member of the Communist Party.

T-2 advised on December 21, 1950 that until recently FRANK LACKOVIC had, over a long time, been associated with the "Narodni Glasnik", described as a Croatian weekly newspaper which follows the Communist Party line. The informant added, however, that LACKOVIC had left the pro-STALIN faction and he is currently active in the pro-TITO faction and helped to organize the Chicago Club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-1 advised on June 3, 1953 that FRANK LACKOVIC continues to be active in the pro-TITO faction among the Yugoslavs in the Chicago area.

The "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4, and 5, reflect that FRANK LACKOVIC is a member of the cultural committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

MILAN BIGA

The "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns

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3, 4, and 5, reflect that MILAN BIGA is a member of the cultural committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago.

T-6, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945 that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Bosworth Avenue, Chicago, is a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch.

T-3 advised on December 12, 1950 that MILAN BIGA has long had the reputation of being a Yugoslav Communist and during the past several years has been a contact of Yugoslav Consulate personnel in the Chicago area.

FRANK PUHARICH, also known as FRANK PUHARIC

The "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4, and 5, reflect that FRANK PUHARICH is a member of the cultural committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago.

T-7, of known reliability, advised on August 20, 1951 that FRANK PUHARICH, who was a member of the Argo Communist Party Club and who resided at 85th Street and 84th Court, Oak Lawn, Illinois, was dissatisfied with some of the Communist Party aims in Yugoslavia. T-7 stated that PUHARICH is a Yugoslav and he favors Marshal TITO and Yugoslavia, and as a result was expelled from the Communist Party. T-1 stated, however, that PUHARICH still maintains that he is a Stalinist and a good Communist.

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Identity of Informants

T-1 [] who advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD
on June 3, 1953.

T-2 [] who advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD
orally on December 21, 1950.

T-3 [] who orally advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD
on April 14, 1950 and December 12, 1950.

T-4 [] who orally advised SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
of the New York Office.

T-5 Anonymous source.

T-6 Anonymous source.

T-7 [] who advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN, August
20, 1951.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report the activities of this
organization on a quarterly basis submitting the next
report by October 1, 1953.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated
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TITLE CLUB OF YUGOSLAV AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Captioned organization sponsored a social affair and concert on 4/12/53 in New York City, which was attended by the Yugoslav Consul General and other Yugoslav Government officials. ALEXANDER JURICH, President of "Novi List", pro-Tito Croatian language newspaper in New York City, said to have been in charge of security at this affair and during the course of the evening read messages addressed to President EISENHOWER and Marshal TITO. April and May membership meetings poorly attended and topics discussed concerned organizational matters only.

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on April 15, 1953 that the captioned organization sponsored a concert and social affair at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City on April 12, 1953. The Informant stated that this was a pro-Tito function and was attended by many of the officials of the Yugoslav Government in New York City as well as many pro-Tito Communists from the New York area.

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The Informant stated that ALEXANDER JURIC, NY one of the leading members of the captioned organization,

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although not listed as an officer, was apparently in charge of security at this affair inasmuch as he stood at the door and carefully scrutinized all those who entered for the purpose of determining whether or not any pro-Cominform Communists should attempt to enter the hall. The Informant stated that in his opinion ~~Alexander~~ JURICH was best fitted for this function because of an excellent knowledge of the Communist sympathies of the various members of the Yugoslav colony. N.Y.

"Novi List", pro-Tito Croatian language newspaper in New York City, in its issue of April 16, 1953 (page 2, columns 1-5) carried an article in which it was stated that the aforementioned affair on April 12, 1953 was "successful beyond expectations". The article listed among prominent individuals attending this affair DRAGA GOVORUSIC, Yugoslav Consul General in New York City, Consul BUDIMIR KONCAR, and the new Commercial Attache KONJOWIC. N.Y.

In addition to various musical numbers presented by members of the Yugoslav colony, NIKOLA TELESNANIC, Chairman of captioned organization, delivered an address wherein he emphasized the purpose of the affair as an expression of Yugoslav American Friendship. He stated that in addition this was an important cultural manifestation of the Yugoslav people in New York City.

In closing, he stated "Yugoslavia can learn many good and useful things from America. On the other hand, our old country has a great deal in the way of lofty and noble qualities which can enrich the cultural life of America".

ALEXANDER JURIC, Chairman of "Novi List" was enthusiastically applauded when he suggested that greetings be sent to President EISENHOWER and Marshal TITO. He proposed the following message to President EISENHOWER:

"Hundreds of American Yugoslavs gathered at a concert which will serve to deepen American Yugoslav

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"cultural relations, express their devotion to American ideals and their respect for their President."

JURIC then read a second message to be addressed to Marshal TITO. This message reads as follows:

"Gathered at a great cultural function which is also a manifestation of American Yugoslav Friendship, we Americans of Yugoslav extraction greet you as the representative of our beloved old country. We wish you and the Yugoslav people complete success in your efforts to rebuild the nation.

"Folk songs and folk dances are taking us back in memory to the old country to which we are attached now and forever. We shall make every effort to deepen the friendship between America and the Yugoslav people..

"It is with deep interest that we followed your mission to Great Britain and we have rejoiced in the enthusiastic reception afforded you in England as well as in the results which you were able to achieve and which are an important contribution to international cooperation and understanding among the peoples of the world.

"May you enjoy a long life for the greater happiness and welfare of the Yugoslav people and for a lasting world peace."

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on April 30, 1953 that the regular monthly membership meeting of the captioned organization was held at the Yugoslav American Home on April 24, 1953. Only ten members were present and the main topic of discussion centered around a report on the outcome of the affair which had been held on April 12, 1953 at the Yugoslav American Home under the sponsorship of the captioned organization. This affair was considered a success by the group, although the net profit derived from it amounted only to \$25.

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Concerning ALEXANDER JURIC, whom the Informant described as a leading member of the subject organization, it is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability, advised on May 19, 1953 that JURIC receives considerable funds in cash from the Yugoslav Consulate to be used in the publication of "Novi List". The Informant stated that "Novi List" is by no means self-supporting and since this paper is pro-Tito, the Yugoslav Government contributes money to help finance it as the Consulate feels that the paper should be kept in business for propaganda purposes.

On May 27, 1953, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that a membership meeting of the subject organization was held on May 22, 1953 at the Yugoslav American Home. This meeting was presided over by NIKOLA TELESMANIC and eleven members were present. The main topic of discussion dealt with plans for a picnic which the Club would sponsor some time during the summer. The Informant stated that nothing of a political nature transpired during this meeting.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	Info concerning concert at Yugo- slav American Home on 4/12/53	4/15/53	NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH and RAYMOND F. BALL (orally)	[REDACTED]
T-2 [REDACTED]	Membership meet- ing on 4/24/53	4/30/53	NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH and JAMES M. ANDERSON (orally)	[REDACTED]
	Membership meet- ing on 5/22/53	5/27/53	JAMES M. ANDERSON (orally)	[REDACTED]
T-3 [REDACTED] Ave., NYC	Information con- cerning ALEXANDER JURIC	5/19/53	JOHN V. COULTER and RAYMOND F. BALL (orally)	105-2290- 93

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization with a view of determining the existence and extent of control by a foreign principal.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT, at New York, 4/22/53

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: October 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21626)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,
 aka. Friends of New Yugoslavia
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Contact has been maintained with [redacted] and [redacted] since the submission of rerep. These individuals have advised that the captioned organization has not been known to have engaged in any activity during the past three or four months.

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It has been noted in connection with the investigation of the Chicago club of the captioned organization that it becomes relatively inactive during the summer months and its principal activity consists of sponsoring the annual Yugoslav Day celebration held each year in November or December in honor of the establishment of the present Yugoslav Government.

Inasmuch as the Chicago club of captioned organization has been reported to have been inactive during the past three months, the quarterly report for October 1, 1953 will not be submitted by the Chicago Office.

The Chicago Office will, however, continue to follow the activities of the Chicago club of captioned organization through informants and through "Novi List", the official organ of the captioned organization.

If the Chicago club of the captioned organization remains inactive during the next three months, consideration will be given to placing this case in an RUC status.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>1cc by RST RAB, State, CIA, INS, G-2, ONI, OSI</i> <i>10-15-53 ETB/Bjc</i> Recent activities of subject organization confined to 1 membership meeting on 6/26/53, which was attended by 10 members, and a picnic on 8/9/53, which was also poorly attended. ALEXANDER JURICH, a leading member of subject organization, attributed failure to attract large number of Yugoslavs to unfavorable economic conditions in Yugoslavia and lack of "revolutionary appeal" in TITO's program. Attempts being made to win over prominent Yugoslav Americans and having them visit Yugoslavia. <i>0-1 NY, Report submitted 1-1-54 12-15-54 TW</i> <i>0-1 to Chi Report will be submitted 1-1-54</i> <i>12-4-53 12-9-53 B.F.</i> <i>ETB/Bjc</i>			
DETAILS: On July 8, 1953 T-1, of known reliability, advised a regular monthly meeting of subject organization was scheduled to be held at the Yugoslav American Home in New York City on June 26, 1953. However, the number of members reporting for this meeting was so small that the officers of the group did not officially call the meeting to order. The Informant advised there were approximately ten persons in attendance including the club chairman NIKOLAS TELESIANIC. <i>pc</i> An informal discussion was held, at which time the main topic centered around plans for the annual picnic of the subject organization to be held in August in conjunction with Club Sibenik.			
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R472 MAR 26 1963 T-2, of known reliability, has previously advised that Club Sibenik is a small organization composed of Yugoslavs who originally immigrated to this country from the town of Sibenik in Yugoslavia. The Informant stated that this Club is a pro-Tito organization whose members are violently opposed to the Soviet regime.			
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T-3, of unknown reliability, advised on July 7, 1953 that he had attended the June 26, 1953 membership meeting of captioned organization. He stated that the only business conducted was distribution of tickets for a picnic to be held on August 9, 1953.

According to an article which appeared in the August 18, 1953 issue of "Novi List", Croatian language newspaper published in New York City, the aforementioned picnic was held on August 9, 1953 at Flushing, New York. The article reflects that due to unfavorable weather conditions, this affair did not attract the number of people expected, and those still holding unused tickets were requested in the article to return them to the organization. It is stated, however, that the affair was a "moral" success and the paper mentions that among those who attended was ~~BUDEX~~ LONGER, Yugoslav Vice Consul in New York City.

On August 24, 1953 T-2 advised that all membership meetings of captioned organization, since January 1953, had been poorly attended. The informant stated he had recently discussed this obvious lack of enthusiasm displayed by the local Yugoslav element with ~~ALEXANDER~~ JURICH, whom the informant had previously described as one of the leading members of subject organization and chairman of "Novi List."

In the course of this conversation, JURICH, frankly, admitted that subject club has not been successful in attracting and holding large numbers of Yugoslav Americans as members. He attributed this failure to several factors, primarily unfavorable economic conditions in Yugoslavia. JURICH explained that these conditions naturally are reflected in numerous letters received by local Yugoslavs in this country from their relatives and friends abroad, and that as a result the enthusiasm for TITO and pro-TITO organizations is constantly dampened to a considerable extent.

In addition, JURICH explained that the pro-TITO movement is handicapped by its lack of "revolutionary appeal" in that Titoism does not envisage world revolution or the final victory of the working class.

JURICH further told the Informant that an attempt is being made and has been made for some time to overcome this handicap by having prominent Americans of Yugoslav descent visit Yugoslavia where a well organized propaganda apparatus guides their movements in such a way as to impress them with the progress of the country under TITO. JURICH said that these visitors are taken on automobile excursions to the most scenic regions of Yugoslavia, tours are conducted for them which include the most modern industrial plants as well as road and bridge construction projects. In addition, interviews are arranged with competent

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representatives of the TITO regime on the federal as well as local level. As a result, these visitors, when returning to the United States, usually praise the TITO Regime as a modern and progressive government, and they are apt to describe conditions in Yugoslav in a most favorable light.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Rec'd	Agent to Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
T-1 [redacted]	Membership Meeting on 6/26/53	7/8/53	JAMES M. ANDERSON (Orally)	Instant Report
T-2 [redacted]	Documentation of Club Sibenik.			
	Conversation with ALEXANDER JURIC	8/24/53	HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT [redacted]	[redacted]
T-3 [redacted]	June 26, 1953 Membership Meeting	7/7/53	RAYMOND F. BILL (Orally)	Instant Report
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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by January 1, 1954.

REFERENCE: Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT, dated 7/13/53.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: Dec. 24, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21626)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP
 aka. Friends of New Yugoslavia
 INTERNAL SECURITY - YU;
 REGISTRATION ACT
 Origin - New York

Re Chicago letter dated October 2, 1953.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on November 9, 1953 that the Yugoslav authorities in Chicago had decided not to hold a big celebration in honor of the founding of the new Yugoslav regime which event, the informant advised, is celebrated on November 29, of each year.

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The informant stated that instead of holding a big celebration, there will be two receptions held at the home of VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC of the Yugoslav Consulate General, Chicago, and that these receptions would be primarily for the Consulate employees and friends of the Consulate officials.

The informant also advised that one reception would be held on November 24, 1953 and that the other was scheduled to be held on November 29, 1953. The informant advised at this time that the names of the individuals to be invited to these receptions were unknown to him.

Review of information furnished by CG 5768 - S* and CG 5769 - S*, both of known reliability, during the past several months, reflects no activity on the part of the Chicago club of captioned organization.

[redacted] of known reliability, on December 2, 1953 advised SA NICHOLAS WULTICH that during the past several months, he has reviewed "Novi List", the official organ of the captioned organization, but he has noted no articles therein reflecting any activities on the part of the Chicago club of the captioned organization.

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[] of known reliability, on December 4, 1953 advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD that he has heard of no activities on the part of the Chicago club of captioned organization in the past several months. He added that this club does not appear to be sponsoring a Yugoslav day celebration this year as they have in previous years.

It is to be noted that [] on December 20, 1950 advised that the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago is a committee within the Chicago club of captioned organization, which committee was formed for the specific purpose of arranging the annual "Yugoslav Day" celebration. This informant advised that this celebration is usually held each year to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav Republic which occurred on November 29, 1943.

[] advised SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on December 1, 1953 that there would be no "Yugoslav Day" celebration in Chicago this year. He advised, however, that V. M. VUKMIROVIC of the Yugoslav Consulate General in Chicago held a reception at his home on November 27, 1953 in honor of Yugoslav Day. The informant also explained that this affair, which is in honor of the founding of the present Yugoslav regime, is normally celebrated on November 29. The anniversary day of the founding was scheduled to be held on November 29, 1953, but it was held on November 27, 1953 in order to enable one of the Consulate officials at Chicago to attend another Yugoslav Day celebration, which was scheduled on November 29, 1953 at Gary, Indiana. [] stated that the affair at VUKMIROVIC's home was well attended, however, it was noted by the informant that a number of persons, formerly active in the Chicago club of captioned organization, were conspicuous by their absence.

[] furnished information concerning a number of Yugoslavs in the Chicago area who were invited to attend this reception. The following Yugoslavs who in the past were reported to be members of the Chicago club of captioned organization, were reported to have been invited to attend this reception:

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~~FRANK LACKOVIC~~ was invited and according to informant, actually attended the reception;

~~EVA TODOROVIC~~ and ~~GERTRUDE RAJACICH~~ were invited, but according to informant, declined to attend;

~~MILAN MARICH~~ was invited, but informant reported, he failed to put in an appearance at the reception.

[redacted] also advised that during the past six months or longer, there has been little or no activity on the part of the Chicago club of captioned organization. Informant stated that it appears that the Chicago club of captioned organization is inactive at the present time and has been for a period of several months. He added that the Chicago club has no real influence among the Yugoslavs in the Chicago area.

In view of the fact that the Chicago club of the captioned organization has been inactive as an organization during the past six months and inasmuch as it is reported to exert no real influence among the Yugoslavs in the Chicago area, this case is RUC.

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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU; REGISTRATION ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>conf 3,4,5,</i></p> <p>Subject organization almost totally inactive during recent months. Membership meetings poorly attended and no other major activities reported. NIKOLA TELESIMANIC, Chairman, and NIKOLA GRUBELIC, Treas., attended a series of conferences at Yugoslav Consulate General in NYC dealing with arrangements for a banquet in honor of KOCA POPOVIC, Yugoslav Secy. for Foreign Affairs. Other matters discussed at these meetings concerned the Trieste problem and the future of the Yugoslav American Home in NYC. Total membership of subject organization approximately 200 members, but not more than ten to fifteen said to be active members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p>DETAILS: T-1, of known reliability, advised on December 14, 1953 that the captioned organization continues to be almost totally inactive. According to the informant, the club has had no major affairs of its own since the annual picnic in August, 1953, and its regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings have been poorly attended.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED R472 MAR 26 1963 The informant explained that on numerous occasions within the last few months only five or six members showed up at these meetings, and, as a result, no business would be transacted for lack of a quorum. The informant</p>			
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said that such activity as has been noted by him emanated from individuals connected with the club rather than from the organization itself.

In this connection, the informant reported on October 2, 1953 that NIKOLA TELESMANIC, who continues to be President of subject organization, belonged to a group of prominent local Yugoslavs who had been selected by BUDE LONCAR, Yugoslav Consul in New York City, to serve on a "preparatory committee" for a banquet in honor of KOCA POPOVIC, Yugoslav Secretary of Foreign Affairs. NY 105-2290

The informant stated that the individuals belonging to this committee attended a meeting on October 1, 1953 at 8: P.M. at the Yugoslav Consulate General, 816 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Approximately fifteen persons were present including NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman, and NIKOLA GRUBELIC, Treasurer of captioned organization.

The Consul, LONCAR presided and stated that the presence of KOCA POPOVIC in this country should be made the occasion of a banquet in his honor and in honor of the other members of the Permanent Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations.

According to the informant, LONCAR indicated that instructions to this effect had been received from Dr. EDWARD KARDELJI, Yugoslav Vice Premier. LONCAR further indicated that this banquet should be presented to the public as a spontaneous affair originating with the Yugoslav colony in New York City, rather than being arranged or inspired by the Yugoslav Consulate.

On October 16, 1953 the informant reported that a second meeting of the aforementioned group was held on October 14, 1953 at the Yugoslav Consulate General, and that invitations for this meeting had been sent out by NIKOLA TELESMANIC. This meeting was presided over by Consul LONCAR and DRAGON GOVORUSIC, Yugoslav Consul General in New York City. The main topic discussed concerned the

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arrangements being made for the aforementioned banquet, and it was decided that this banquet ~~will~~^{would} be held on October 17, 1953 at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Other matters taken up at the meeting were the Trieste problem and the future of the Yugoslav American Home in New York City.

Regarding the Trieste problem, Consul General GOVORUSIC remarked that the seriousness of this problem cannot be overemphasized. He requested all present to see to it that the greatest possible number of wires and letters be sent to the White House and the State Department in protest against the attitude of the United States Government in this matter.

Regarding the Yugoslav American Home (YAH), it was generally agreed that the pro-Cominform faction among the Yugoslavs in this area is at present in complete control of the Home. ALEXANDER JURIC stated that the majority of the stock undoubtedly is in the hands of pro-Cominformists, and, therefore, it does not seem possible to wrest the control of the Home from this group. It was agreed that the matter should be further discussed at a subsequent meeting.

At the conclusion of this meeting NIKOLA TESLJESMANIC and ALEXANDER JURIC remained in private conference with Consul LONCAR.

~~ALEXANDER JURIC~~ has been previously described by this informant as an ardent pro-Titoist and President of Novi List, Incorporated, publishers of "Novi List," a pro-TITO Croatian language newspaper in New York City.

It is noted that the YAH, mentioned above, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-1 advised on October 21, 1953 that following the banquet for POPOVIC, the members of the aforementioned preparatory committee convened once more at the Yugoslav Consulate General. This meeting took place on October 20, 1953 and the Consulate General was represented by DRAGO GOVORUSIC, Consul General, and ~~BUDEXLONCAR~~, Consul. At this meeting ALEXANDER JURIC, NIKOLA TELESMANIC, and NIKOLA GRUBELIC reported concerning the financial aspects of the POPOVIC banquet. It was brought out that four hundred people attended paying a total of \$2,000 (five dollars per plate). The total expenses were \$2,317.00.

✓ NIKOLA TELESMANIC suggested at the meeting that the sum needed to cover the deficit be raised jointly by members of the preparatory committee including himself and ALEXANDER JURIC. This suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the committee.

On December 9, 1953, T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is a member of the captioned organization and intimately acquainted with its activities, furnished the following information:

The informant related that the CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP has a total membership of two hundred, but that not more than ten to fifteen members can be counted upon to attend occasional membership meetings and to show some degree of interest.

T-2 said that the club is supposed to have one membership meeting a month, but that within the last year or so a great many meetings had to be cancelled because an insufficient number of members would show up.

The informant said that the only activities of the organization of any importance are their annual picnic, which is usually held in July or August, and their major function, which is the annual concert and entertainment customarily held in the winter season. This winter's concert is to take place sometime in January, 1954, and, according

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to the informant, should attract between three hundred and four hundred people chiefly because of its popular musical features.

The informant said that the subject organization was set up originally for the dual purpose of furthering the interest in, and understanding of present day Yugoslavia in this country, and secondly to acquaint the people of Yugoslav nationality in the New York area with the various aspects of political, social and economic progress in Yugoslavia under the TITO ~~Regime~~.

The informant stated that the club has obviously been unable to make any headway with the Yugoslav element and that the only people having shown any degree of interest were individuals who have a financial interest in cultivating or expanding their Yugoslav business connections or social contacts.

The informant said that even people in this group have lost all interest in the organization apparently because of rivalries that developed within this group, and particularly because their initial interest in the organization failed to produce tangible financial returns.

The informant further stated that another factor responsible for the apparent failure of the club to play an important role among local Yugoslavs is the complete lack of leadership. He said that NIKOLA TELESMANIC, although well intentioned, completely lacks the mental capacity to fill his position as Chairman, and that the same holds true of the other officers of the organization.

T-2 observed that the lack of intelligent leadership applies not only to the subject organization, but is general in the pro-TITO field. He said that this is due to the fact that at the time of the TITO-Cominform split in July, 1948 almost all individuals among Yugoslav Communists who had developed leadership qualities decided to join the pro-Cominform faction thereby causing the pro-TITO element to become, and to a large extent, to remain leaderless up to the present time.

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE WHERE LOCATED	b2 b7D
T-1 [redacted]	Info re meetings of subject organization	12/14/53	SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT	Instant report	
"	Meeting at Yugoslav Consulate 10/1/53	10/2/53	"	[redacted]	
"	Meeting at Yugoslav Consulate on 10/14/53	10/16/53	"	[redacted]	
"	Meeting at Yugoslav Consulate 10/20/53	10/21/53	"	[redacted]	
T-2 [redacted]	Info re membership and activities of subject organization	12/9/53	SAS JAMES M. ANDERSON and HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT	Instant report	

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting the next report by April 1, 1954.

REFERENCE: Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKHARDT, 10/8/53, New York.

SAC, New York (105-2290)

March 3, 1954

Director, FBI (100-370142)-93
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CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
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Furnished herewith for each office is a Photostat of a memorandum dated 1-11-54, from INS at New York to the Central Bureau of INS at Washington, D. C., and furnished to the Central office.

In general the enclosure requests that INS be informed if possible as to the identity and availability of several informants whose information was received by the New York, Chicago, and Washington Field offices.

In addition, however, attention is directed to the third paragraph on page six of the enclosure wherein INS requests that as many informants as possible be made available for their assistance in establishing the subversive character of the captioned organization.

Each office is requested to review the reports named in the enclosure in accordance with the request made by INS. The review of the respective office files on the captioned organization should be all-inclusive so as to insure the identification of all informants and sources who could be made available to INS without exposing any such informants and sources who are currently being utilized by the Bureau or whose disclosure would otherwise be prejudicial to the Bureau's interests.

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No copy of the enclosure is being furnished to Pittsburgh inasmuch as T-I in the Pittsburgh report of 3-28-52, is [redacted] and New York will handle this particular item.

It is noted that T-I in the Washington Field report dated 4-28-51, is identified as passport records of the State Department. Washington Field is instructed to re-examine attachment

cc-2 - SAC, Washington Field (105-1493)

cc-2 - SAC, Chicago (100-21023) Attachment

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those records to determine whether the source of the information concerning [] is such as could be identified to INS. In replying to the Bureau by letter in response to the request from INS, it will not be necessary to refer to those informants and sources who are not considered suitable for release to INS. Instead each office is to furnish the name and location of any informant or source who could be made available to INS, together with the specific report in which information from that source has been set out.

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The information is to be furnished in letter form so as to reach the Bureau no later than 3-31-54.

SAC, Detroit

April 29, 1954

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CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Reference is made to your file 105-415 concerning "Ivan Blasko, IS-YU." Correspondence from your office concerning Ivan Blasko reflects that he is [redacted] of [redacted] who in 1952 was an employee of [redacted] of New York City.

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Ivan Blasko was interviewed by your office on 6-18-52, at which time he was quite cooperative and as a result of his information, the New York office interviewed [redacted] for a brief period in late 1952.

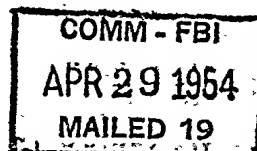
Information was received by the New York office that in approximately, December, 1952, [redacted] and according to informants, moved his family to Detroit, Michigan, where he planned to return to his former occupation as a [redacted]. No contact has been had with [redacted] since that time according to Bureau files. Information received by the New York office from [redacted] concerning the above-captioned organization was attributed to T-2 in the New York report of Special Agent Heinrich Von Eckardt dated February 5, 1953. INS has recently referred to their copy of that report and requested to be advised, if possible, as to the identity of T-2.

Unless your files contain information militating against contact with [redacted] or revealing his identity to INS, you are requested to endeavor to locate him to determine whether he would be willing to be interviewed by a representative of that Agency in connection with information he has furnished to the Bureau concerning the subject organization. Inasmuch as [redacted] was cooperative when contacted by your office, it is possible that [redacted]'s present address can be ascertained through inquiry of [redacted].

You are requested to contact [redacted] promptly and advise the Bureau of the results without delay.

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March 31, 1954

SAC, NEW YORK (105-2290)

CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, IS - YU. REURLET 3-24-54. WAS
REVIEW OF YOUR FILE ALL INCLUSIVE OR WAS IT LIMITED TO REPORTS LISTED
BY INS? IF THUS LIMITED COMPLETE REVIEW IMMEDIATELY AND SULET RESULTS.
DO REPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE OF SA ECKARDT DATED 3-8-51, AND 2-5-53,
CONTAIN INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] REPLY
IMMEDIATELY BY AIR-TEL.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370-142)

DATE: 3/24/54

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP
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*Bulet 3-3-54
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Rebulet 3/3/54, and memorandum dated 1/11/54, from INS at NY to the Central office of INS at Washington, D.C., a photostatic copy of which was furnished the NYO as an attachment to rebulet.

All NY reports listed in the above mentioned INS memorandum were reviewed in accordance with the Bureau's instructions. This review reflected that with the exception of 2 sources listed hereinafter all confidential informants mentioned in the INS memorandum are either active Bureau informants or former informants whose identity cannot be disclosed without affecting the possibility of reactivating them at some future date.

The following sources, however, do not fall in the aforementioned category and their disclosure to INS would not in any way hamper current or future Bureau investigations:

T-14 Mentioned in the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, dated 3/8/51 at NY, is identified as [redacted] *En 44* *b7D*

T-2 Mentioned in the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT dated 2/5/53, is [redacted] *En 84*
216 West 18 St., NYC, publishers of [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] resigned from his position with [redacted] in January 19[redacted]
and stated at that time that he intended to move to Detroit, Michigan and seek employment as a [redacted]. His last known address in NY is [redacted] L.I., N.Y.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21620)

DATE: March 25, 1954

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV
FRIENDSHIP, aka.
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Rebulet March 3, 1954.

In accordance with instructions in rebulet,
the Chicago Office reports in the captioned case
were reviewed. None of the informants or sources in
the Chicago area can be made available to INS. RUC.

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